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The Siemens-Cowper-Cochrane Hot-Blast Stoves.

The Siemens regenerative system for the economical generation of high temperatures, has advanced the practice of many departments of metallurgy materially in some instances, while in others it may be said to have made new methods practically possible. The advantages attending the use of highly heated blast have been too generally recognized within the last few years to demand recapitulation. They have become attainable by the adaptation of the Siemens regenerative system to the heating of blast. As is frequently the case with improvements of value, the application of this system has gone through a long time of experimenting and of trial. It was first used by Cowper in 1860, and applied by Messrs. Cochrane at Ormesby, near Middlesborough, and has since been so modified that in their present improved construction these fire-brick stoves have overcome the evils attending the defects of their original shape. The accompanying illustrations, for which we are indebted to Messrs. Tawne & Hartman, of Philadelphia, show the present approved practice. The stoves, which are 50 feet high and 15 feet in diameter, consist of an air-tight shell made of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch common boiler-iron, lined with red brick and fire-brick. Near one side of the stove is placed the vertical combustion chamber, which is 4 feet 4 inches in diameter and 42 feet high. Parallel to and alongside of it is the regenerator, formed of fire-brick $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick, set on edge so that their flat sides are exposed to the current of air or gas, respectively. These bricks are so built up that they leave openings 4 inches square, extending from the top to the bottom of the regenerator. As will be seen from the section, Fig. 3 (see page 3), the openings are contracted in the upper part of the regenerator, in order to cause the gas or air to spread over the whole upper surface of the regenerator, and thus insure its distributing and going down all the openings uniformly. In the aggregate the regenerative chambers have 40,000 square feet of heating surface. Both the regenerator and the combustion chamber are independent of the side walls and the roof, and of each other, so that repairs can be made without taking down one part to get at another. The gas, which is brought to the stoves in flues 18 inches in diameter, is admitted in thin strips at the bottom of the chamber, (see Fig. 4, page 3), and mixes at once with the air of combustion which enters through 18-inch pipes, just above the gas flues. The hot products of combustion ascend in the combustion chamber, and, passing downward, sweep through the regenerator to the chimney flue, which is 36 inches in diameter. The chimney is 4 feet 8 inches in diameter in the clear, and is made 145 feet high. The flues are all overhead, and can be cleaned in ten minutes during casting time. The waste gases from the blast furnace are washed before they are allowed to enter the stoves, in an apparatus shown in Fig. 1. The waste gases first strike upon an inclined division plate, which causes much of the dust to fall into a dust-catcher; then they pass back of the plate through an opening into the vertical pipe immediately below the plate. While descending in this pipe, they meet sprays of waste tuyere water which cleanse them of the greater portion of the dust. All the dust which settles in the stoves themselves is removed in five minutes twice a week, at casting time, by blowing the whole volume of air from the blowing engine through them. This method has proved so effectual that the stoves at the Crown Point Iron Works, when examined after 13 months' use, were found to be clean, while the brick had remained unglazed. Provision has also been made for sweeping the stoves should it be desired to do so. One cap in the top is removed, which is sufficient to get at all the openings.

The time during which one stove is heating the blast for the furnace is two hours, this period being called a "blow." As four hours are needed to heat the stove up again by the combustion of the blast furnace gases, it will be seen that three stoves are necessary for a plant. During a "blow" the temperature of the blast is lowered from 100 to 200 degrees. With a view of equalizing this an automatic valve is provided, which at the beginning of the blow admits some cold air directly into the hot-blast pipe, so that, by mixing with it, the blast, which is too hot at the beginning of the blow, is cooled down to the proper temperature. As the blow continues the cold air is gradually cut off.

To operate the stoves the hot blast and the cold blast valves are closed, the chimney valve is opened and a burning torch is put through the air valve into the combustion chamber. The gas valve is then gradually opened until the gas fires, when the valve is thrown wide open. After burning for four hours the stove is ready for a "blow" for heating the blast. The gas valve is first closed, then the air, and finally the chimney valve; the cold-blast valve is opened and at last the hot-blast valve, whereby the blast is permitted to blow through the stove. The stove last on a blow is then turned on gas. The gas escaping from the stoves has quite uniformly a temperature of 400 degrees, while the blast is made as hot as 1700° F. The stove, it will be seen, is simple in construction and inexpensive in maintenance and repairs. It can be built by workmen of ordinary intelligence in about two months. Each stove contains 43,000

red brick, 10,000 No. 1 and 70,000 No. 2 fire-brick. For a set of three stoves there is required boiler plate work weighing 186,000 pounds and 213,000 pounds of castings.

In localities where materials are cheap, the cost is said to be about \$16,000 for stoves

The following is the average of one year's work, the blast being heated to 1210 degrees, and the coke containing 9 per cent of ash:

Coke to ton iron	20.69
Ore " "	48.80
Limestone to ton iron	12.50

done, and, on the other hand, induced the men to be more industrious through a desire to finish one piece and be paid for it, instead of simply working on time. Now, however, it seems to be admitted that though in some cases it would be difficult to return to the previous system, piece-work is almost always

veillance is capable of making him do this. He is anxious to get through his quantity, and stopping the machine would delay him, and he cares little what the quality of his work may be.

The German Tariff.

The following are the rates of import duty for the German Empire, advocated by Prince Bismarck and passed by the "Bundesrat," the upper house of the Empire. As it is likely to pass the second legislative body also, it deserves attention:

Iron and Steel.

	Per metric ton.
Pig iron of all kinds.	\$2.44
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Ordinary sheet iron.	7.32
Polished jarred, coppered sheet or tin plate.	12.20
Wire, ordinary, coppered, tinned, galvanized, &c., 0.2 inch in diameter or above.	6.10
Below 0.2 inch.	7.32
Coarse castings.	free
Iron for coarse parts of machinery, bridges or parts of bridges, anchor chains, wire rope, wrought-iron tubing.	12.20
Iron ware in the rough, ground, galvanized, tinned, &c., but not polished, such as axes, files, hammers, planes, sword blades, cooking utensils, nails, pans, knives in the rough, scythes, sickles, tower clocks, chains and ropes, &c., &c.	free
Fine castings and fine steel on iron articles, polished or lacquered, knives, scissors, knitting or crocheting needles.	60.56
Sewing needles, pens, parts of watches, guns.	14.40

Metals.

	free
Pig lead.	free
Sheet lead, type.	free
Common articles of lead, combined with wood, iron, zinc or tin not polished or lacquered;	14.64
iron, zinc or tin not polished or lacquered do.	60.56
Fine articles of lead and lacquered do.	24.26
Pig copper and other base alloys, or articles therefrom not elsewhere specified.	free
Copper, hammered or rolled, wire or telegraph wire.	free
Plated sheet copper or wire.	68.32
Coarse manufactures of sheet copper or brass, brass tubing and wire cloth.	48.80
Other manufactures of copper not specified.	68.32
Manufactures of aluminum, nickel, Britannia ware, bronze, German silver.	14.64
Zinc, or alloys of, with lead or tin.	free
Sheet zinc.	7.32
Coarse manufactures of zinc.	68.32
Fine manufactures of zinc.	68.32
Pig tin.	free
Sheet tin.	7.32
Coarse manufactures of tin.	14.64
Fine manufactures of tin lacquered or polished.	60.56

These figures, it will be conceded, are by no means excessive. It should not be forgotten that the terms used in the framing of this new law are in accordance with the new nomenclature, so that "schmiedbare Eisen," translated in the above "iron," includes much of what is usually termed steel.

Conditions of Successful Trade With Brazil.

Mr. Herbert St. Smith, in an article contributed to *Scribner's Magazine*, writes as follows concerning the failure of many of the attempts made by American merchants to establish profitable trade with Brazil:

Unfortunately, many American merchants go to Brazil with very vague ideas of the country and its people. Young commercial men imagine they can secure a footing at once simply by placing American goods, often of a very inferior grade, on exhibition. Commonly they get discouraged after the first few months and leave the country in disgust. The worst of these abandoned enterprises is that they deter other and wiser men from entering the field. Americans may as well dispossess their minds of all these crude ideas. If we are to secure a commercial footing in Brazil, it will be by careful and persistent effort, and by studying the wants of the people, not by wild speculation. It is no wonder that these young clerks, ignorant of the language and the country, are unable to compete with the shrewd Brazilian merchants and with well-established English and German houses. Our American manufacturers should employ experienced agents, and in most cases, probably, they would do well to ally themselves with enterprising Brazilian houses, or with American residents of old standing. Then they must be content with small profits at first; now wares push their way little by little. Especially must they avoid flooding the Brazilian markets with inferior goods, or those that are not suited to the wants of the people. Brazilian merchants, for instance, complain that the patterns of American print cloths do not please their customers. The fault is that our manufacturers have sent them the high-colored, showy goods which are sold to Southern negroes. The more refined Brazilian taste prefers the light-striped and flowered French and English prints. Americans, too, must be reconciled to the tediousness of Brazilian commerce. Our active business men are loth to accustom themselves to these endless delays. Custom-house, travel and freight shipments, licenses, all require a large stock of that peculiar Brazilian virtue—*paciencia*. If you take a note, it is for a year or twenty months, or more; if you are promised a custom-house clearance on Monday, expect it on Thursday.

In large transactions the Para merchant is governed, perhaps, rather by a wholesome regard for the law than by any abstract moral reasoning. In retail business, I am bound to say that he is quite as reasonable as his Northern brother. I seldom had occasion for "beating down" a shopkeeper.

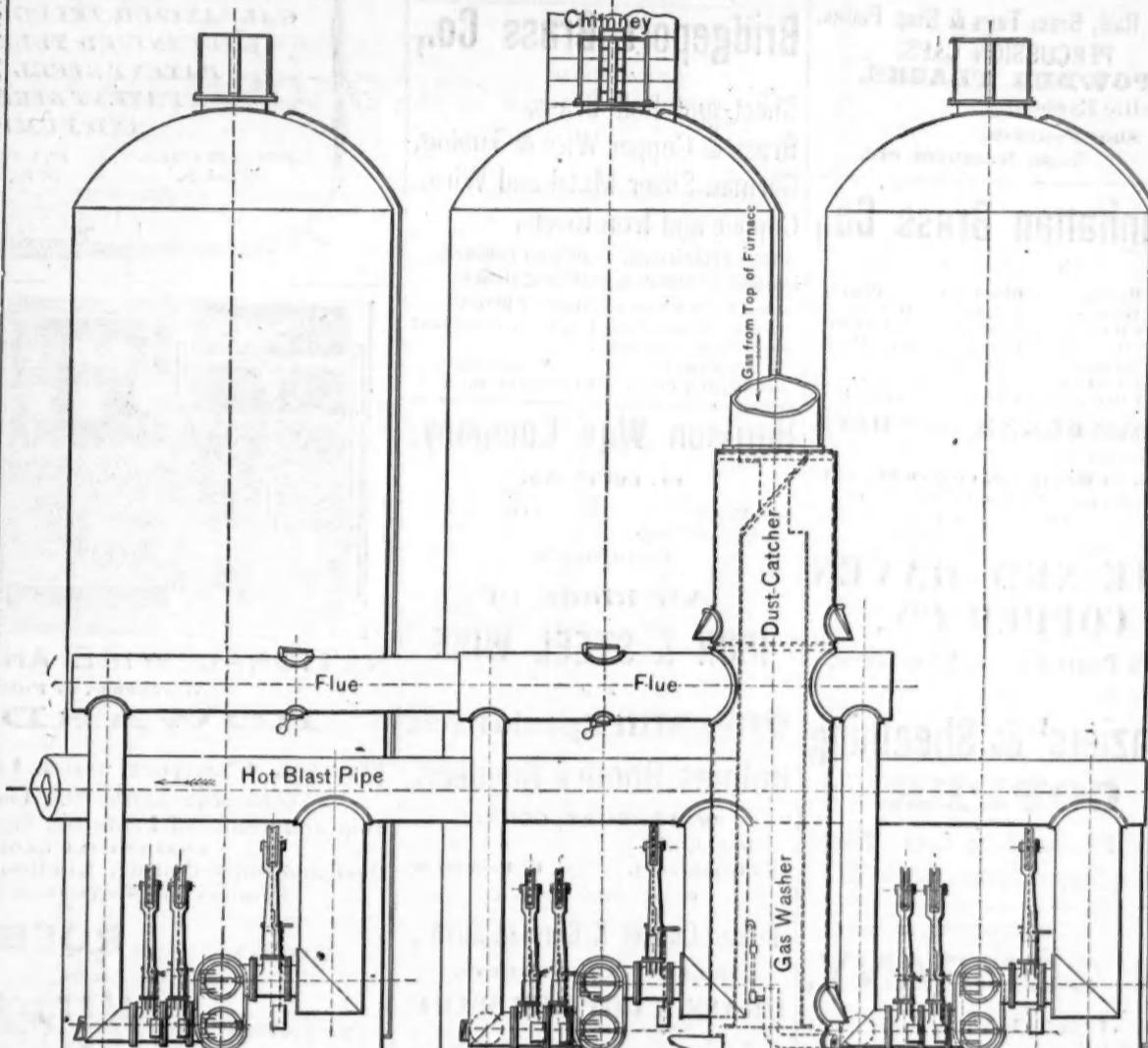


Fig. 1.—Elevation.

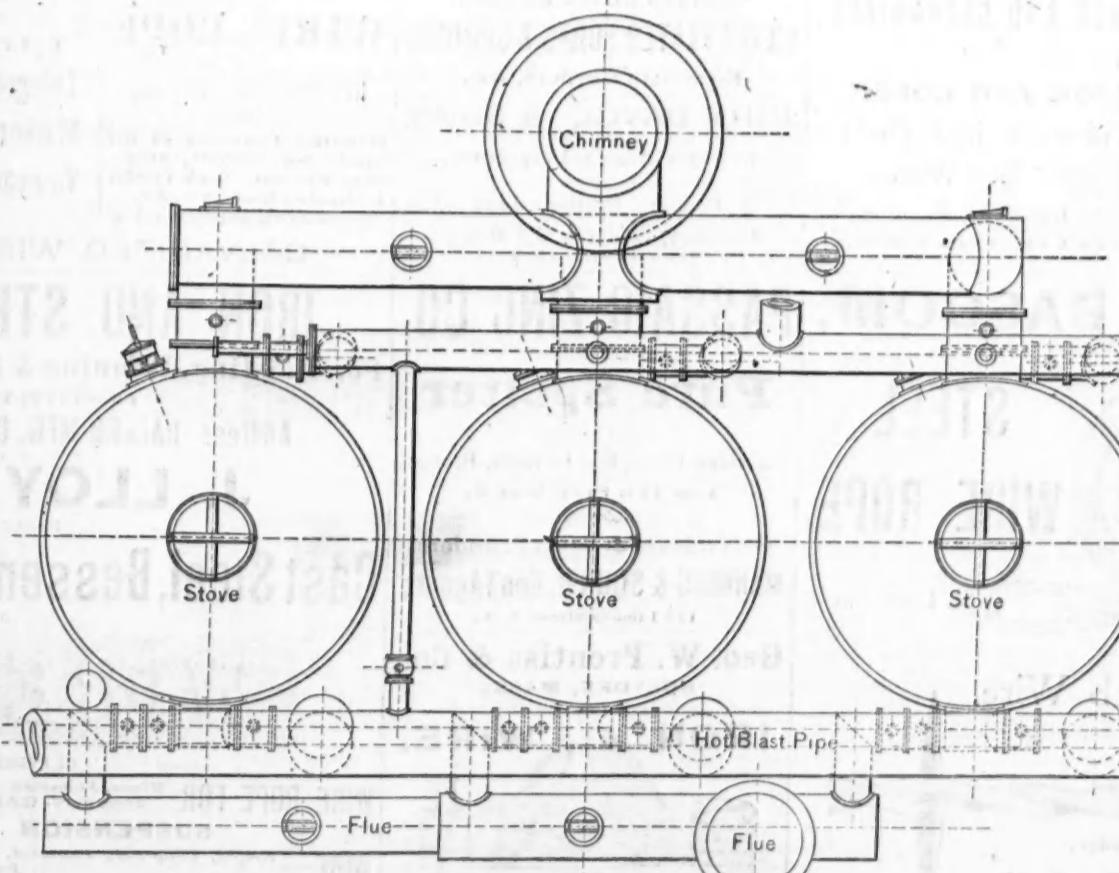


Fig. 2.—Plan.

THE SIEMENS-COWPER-COCHRANE HOT-BLAST STOVES.

heating 8000 cubic feet of air per minute to 1700° F. Many are now at work in England, Wales and on the Continent, 30 being used at Creusot alone. In this country, they have been employed at the Crown Point Iron Works, Lake Champlain, and we learn that 9 stoves are being put up at the Edgar Thomson Works, near Pittsburgh.

Piece-work in England.—A correspondent, writing from Birmingham, says: One of the worst results of the difficulties between masters and men has been occasioned by the introduction of piece-work, which at first appeared favorable for both parties, inasmuch as it enabled the employer to pay for no more work than was absolutely

uniformly bad. It is found, especially in the manufacture of prints and stuffs, that the work is much worse done than under the old system, although there may be more of it. Under the time system the workman was always willing to stop the machine to correct flaws and take up threads, whereas under the piece system not even the strictest sur-

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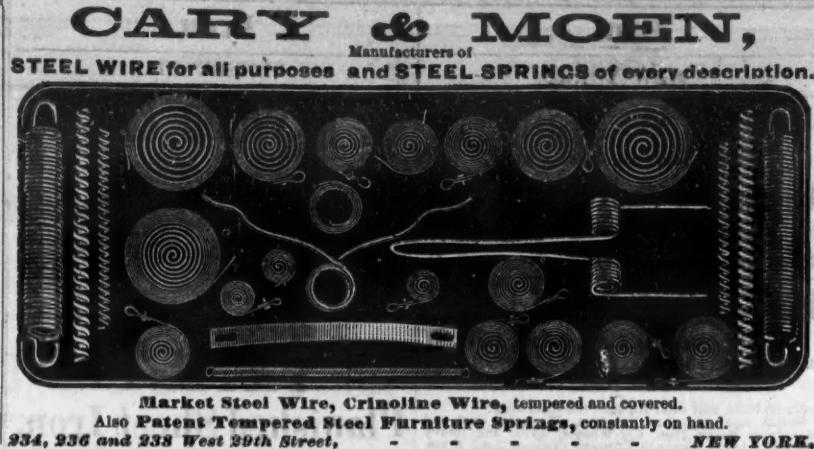
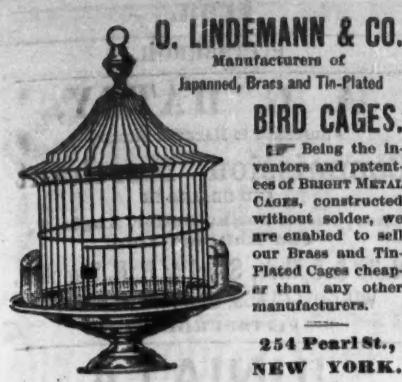
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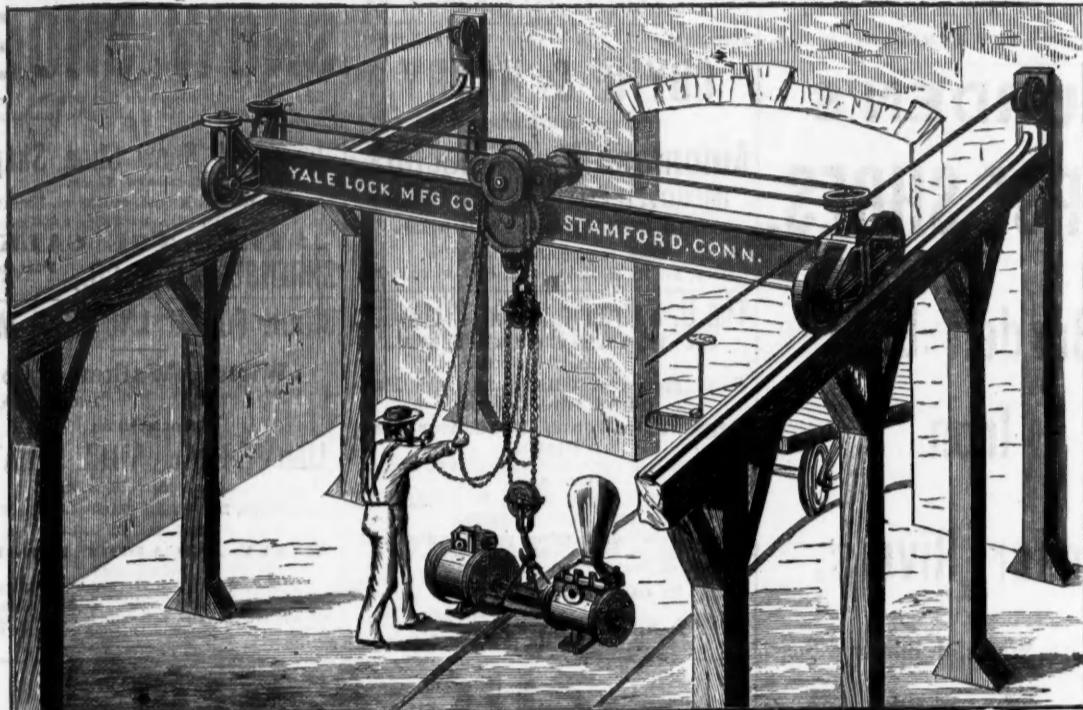


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A correspondent of the *Ironmonger*, writing from Belgium, says:

I have been struck during my rambles in Belgium at meeting with but few English commercial travelers. I have fallen in with Frenchmen in plenty, with Germans and with one or two Americans; I also met an Irishman the other day who had come to Ghent, travelling for a linen factory in Belfast; but he was the first commercial representative of our people whom I have seen here. I have not fallen in with a single hardware agent, and, what is more, I learn from ironmongers, both in Belgium and Holland, that the English are seen far too little in these countries. Representatives from firms in Sheffield and Birmingham come for orders about twice a year; but too little

mix up sentiment even with matters of business. The "No" which a steady-going English tradesman utters over his counter generally means a decided negative. In these countries it means "No," subject to ulterior discussion. All these Continental peoples are dreadful wasters of time and words, and cannot be persuaded to transact any business with a man who is in a hurry. Let me add that a great deal of business is done here over a friendly glass in a *café*. The French hardware traveler who has spent an unsatisfactory day in meeting rebuffs from door to door does, not lose heart on that account. He waits till evening, and, having ascertained in what *café* the leading tradesmen are wont to pass the after-dinner hours, he proceeds thither and tackles them afresh, pleasantly, glass in hand. Sometimes he pushes his devotion to the length

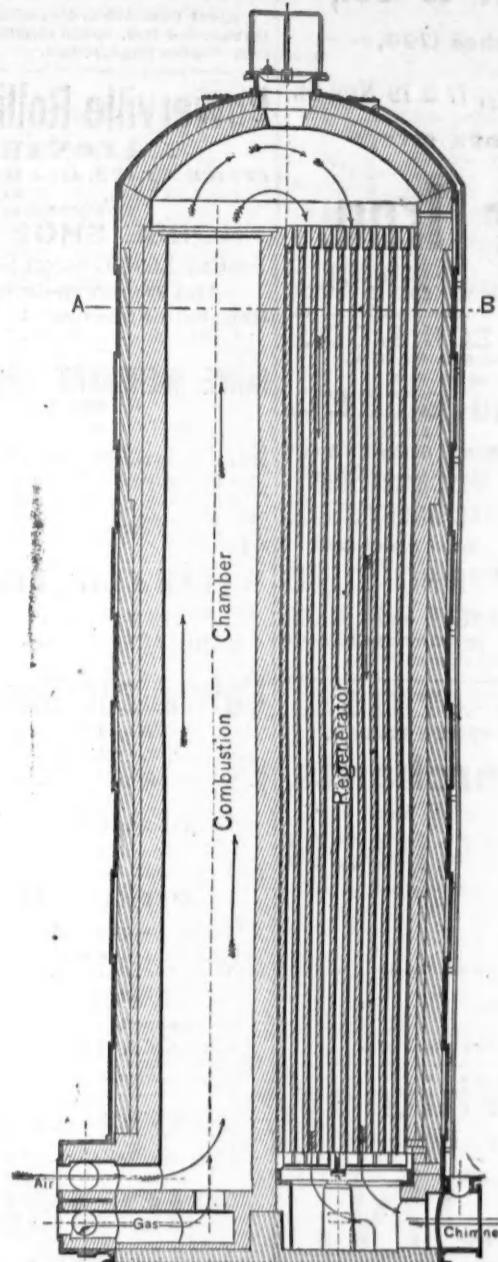


Fig. 3.—Section of Hot-Blast Stove.—(See page 1).

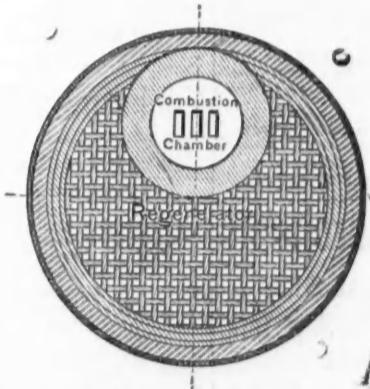


Fig. 4.—Section A. B.

THE SIEMENS-COWPER-COCHRANE HOT-BLAST STOVE.

care is taken to pick up the business, which may be done at odd moments, when, through some cause or other, a sudden demand for a particular sort of goods is felt on the market. The long and severe winter through which we have passed has produced a brisk sale of warming apparatus, lamps, kitchen utensils, scuttles, fire-irons, &c.; but the French and Germans, through having so many travelers, seem almost to have monopolized the benefit of these extra demands. I suspect that the paucity of English travelers is due to the fact that so few of our people speak French fluently. I would, therefore, most earnestly recommend the study of this useful language in our English commercial schools, and also to young men of business who may have leisure hours of an evening. I think, too, that young Englishmen should try and cultivate those conversational arts in which the French shine. The French make capital agents, for they are lively, pushing and persuasive; nothing daunts them; they will ply their tongues upon a tradesman in all sorts of ways till they discover his weak point, and they very seldom leave a shop without carrying away an order. Englishmen appear to do business in a rather too gentleman-like fashion—coldly and stiffly, in the "take it or leave it" style. They call attention to the excellence of their wares by serious argument, but are too apt to forget that these Continental races are garrulous, love "gush," and, moreover,

of playing dominoes or billiards with them; sometimes he sings a comic song or airs his talents on the concertina. It is easy to smile at these doings as undignified; but, after all, they constitute the diplomacy of trade as Continental understand it.

The New York Exhibition of 1883.—The committee of citizens having in charge the selection of a site for the location of the World's Fair in 1883, have at last agreed upon a suitable place. The committee consists of Jackson S. Schultz, Orestes Cleveland, Col. Hoe and Messrs. Vance and Tiffany. A report is being prepared and will be submitted for publication within a few days. It was resolved at a meeting of the committee that the location should not be divulged by any member of the committee previous to the publication of the report. It is believed that the site selected is a tract of 170 acres on Long Island Sound, extending from Port Morris to the Southern Boulevard. The reason of the committee for refusing any information on the subject is their desire to prevent speculators in real estate from taking an unfair advantage of the owners of land in the neighborhood, by purchasing in advance of the publication of the report.

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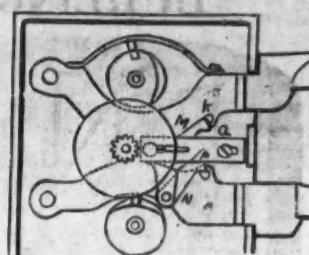
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AND PILING IRON.

209,470.—To Edward B. Edwards, Columbia, Pa.—October 29, 1878.—1. As an improvement in the mode of utilizing old Bessemer steel rails, fag ends, or steel scrap, preparing rails, ends or scrap by piling the same in an open pile, with pieces of wrought iron, upon a wooden base-board forming part of the pile, subjecting the pile to heat in the bed of a furnace, reducing the same to a bloom, and converting the latter by rolling or hammering into bars, plate or other forms of malleable iron.

2. In the manufacture of iron from steel rail ends or scrap, the pile, consisting of a wooden base and the layers of steel-rail ends or steel pieces packed between with

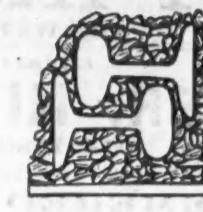
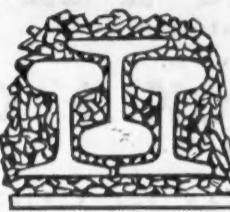
the bolts, the sliding bar Q, and cam pieces M N.

2. The combination of the bolt studs k,



the cam pieces, the sliding bar and time wheel.

3. The combination of the time wheel, sliding bar, cam pieces, and bolts with the



layers and pieces of wrought-iron or scrap of the same, the whole being covered on the sides, ends, top and bottom with pieces or scrap of wrought iron, and supported on said wooden base.

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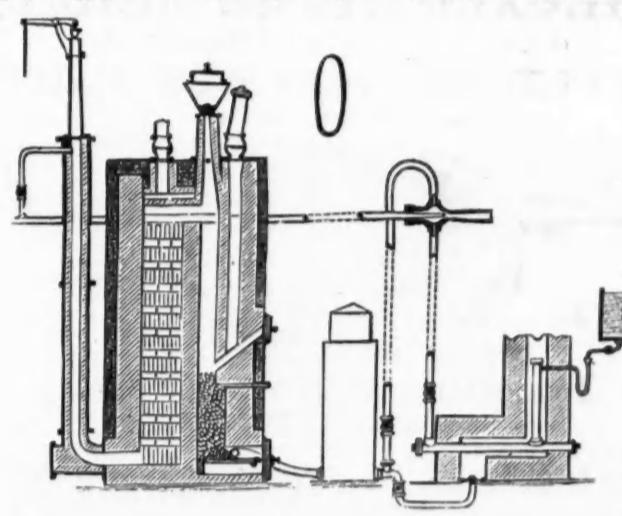
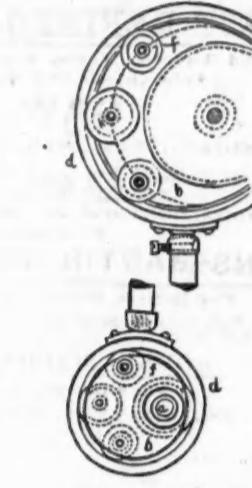
The mode of converting old steel-rail ends or steel scrap into malleable iron, consisting in enveloping with and packing between said rail ends or steel scrap wrought-iron scrap, to prevent burning and running of the steel, then heating the same, and thereby effecting an intimate mixture of the wrought scrap and steel in the interior of the mass, as well as in the superficial portion, and finally hammering or rolling the mass.

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209,520.—To Myron H. Strong, Brooklyn, N. Y., assignor to Lemuel W. Serrell, trustee for said Strong, Sidney Cornell, Henry W. Pierson, and Walter E. Lawton.—Nov. 5, 1878.—Water gas is made by the decomposition of steam in contact with incandescent carbon and stored in a holder. From here part of the gas is conducted to a furnace and burned under retorts, in which olefiant gas is made from oil, and part of it is conducted in the education-pipe for the olefiant gas, and the two gases are mixed, by a steam jet, in proper proportion to form an illuminating gas.

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Austria, assignor of one-third his right to Marcus Lowndahl, same place, and Max Gutman, Dresden, Saxony.—Dec. 17, 1878.—1. The combination, with the eccentric-ring d, of the internal wheels or rollers, the ar-



carbon to the retort, a gas pipe and burner for heating such retort, and connecting pipes and a steam injector for mixing the gases.

2. The combination of a decomposing chamber for making non-luminous gas, a holder for storing gas, a retort for the production of olefiant gas, an apparatus for supplying liquid hydrocarbon to retort, a burner or burners for heating retort by the combustion of non-luminous gas, and means for mixing the non-luminous gas and the olefiant gas in the proper proportion for producing the illuminating gas.

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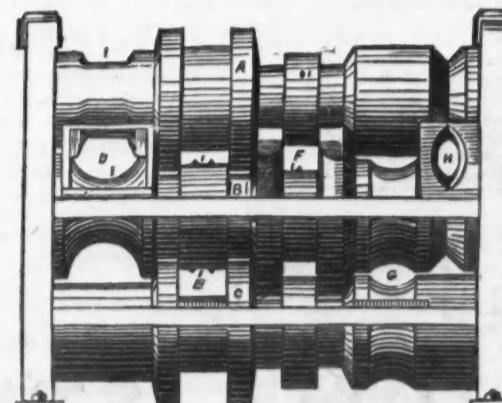
209,743.—To Burroughs P. Brunner, San Francisco, Cal.—Nov. 5, 1878.—The rolls A B C, provided with the passes D E F G H

bors or shafts of such rollers, and the side plates, b b.

2. The eccentric-ring f and internal rollers or wheels, the surfaces in contact being provided with ribs and grooves, in combination with the shaft a and the side plates, b, that support the arbors or shafts k.

A telegram from Brussels, Belgium, dated April 17, states that by an explosion of fire-damp in the Agrapte coal pit, near Mons, Belgium, the woodwork of the shaft caught fire and fell in. There are 240 men in the mine, and there appears to be scarcely a hope of rescuing any of them.

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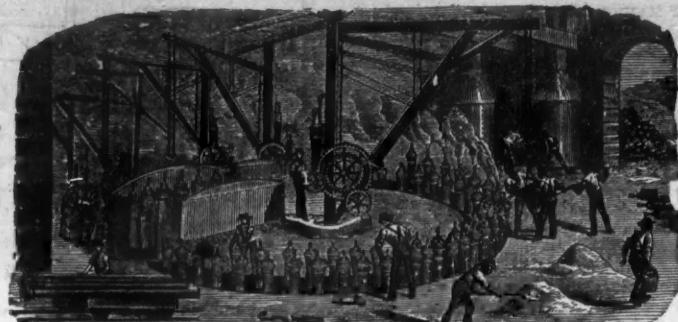
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210,070.—To Jacob Weimar, New York, N. Y., assignor to Herring & Co., same place.—Nov. 19, 1878.—1. The combination

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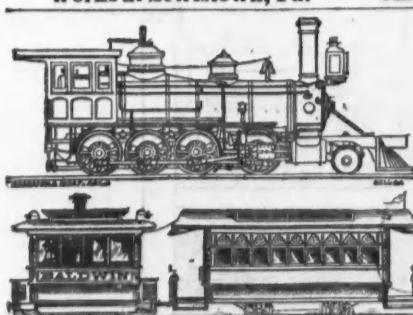
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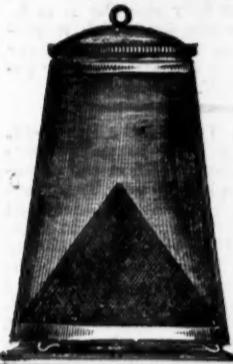
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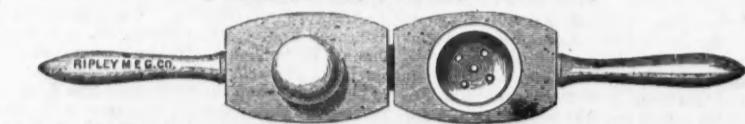
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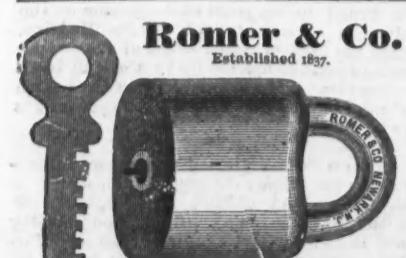
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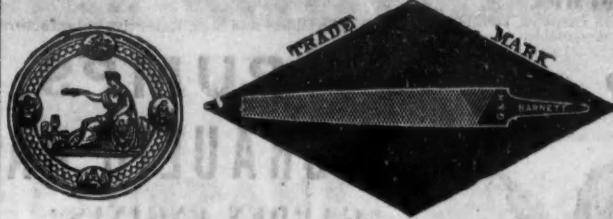
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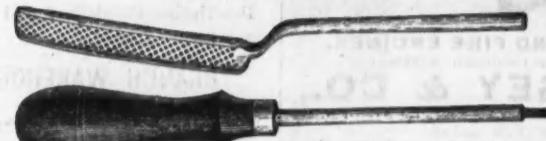
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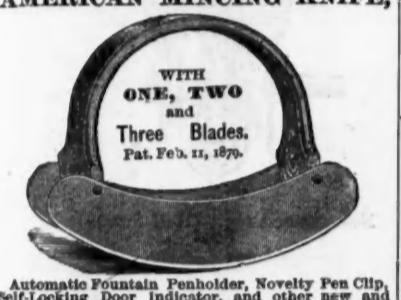
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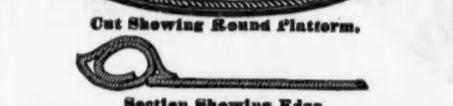
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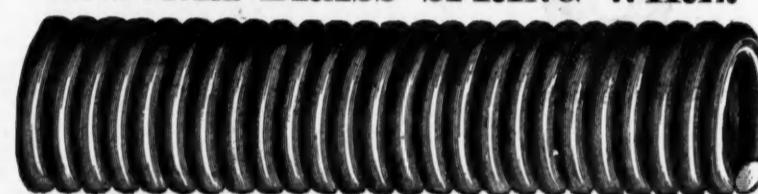
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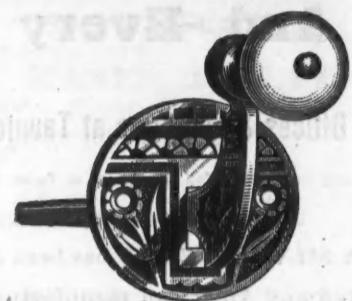
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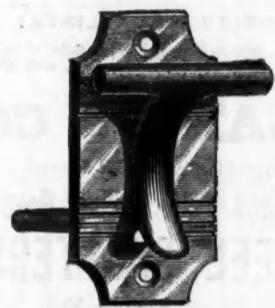
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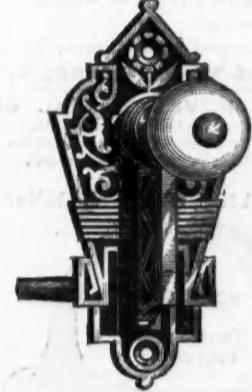
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133	4½ "	2 "	" " "
134	2½ "	2½ "	Electro-plated, with Porcelain Knob.
135	4½ "	2 "	" " "
136	4½ "	2 "	Real Bronze, with T Handle.
140	7 "	2 "	" " "
150	3 "	1½ "	Nickel-plated, " "

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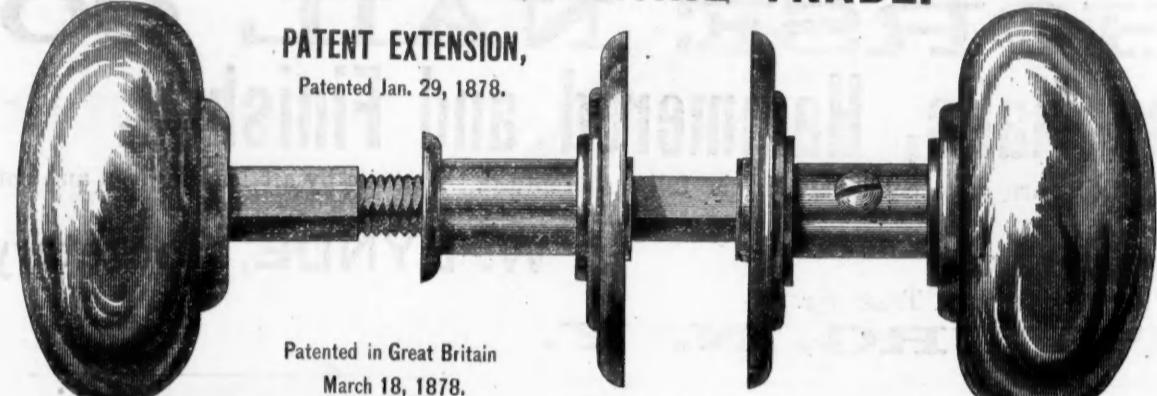
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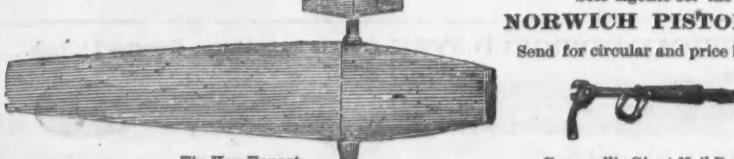
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The Transmission of Power.

Mr. Ewing Matheson has published in *Iron* a series of articles on the transmission of power, which are replete with practical data and suggestions of value to manufacturers and engineers. In comparing the respective advantages of the different means of transmitting power, the circumstances to which

force is to be utilized, and when communication is open between them, pressure from the falling accumulator is instantaneously conveyed to the machine, and so far as its own stored-up energy will allow, completes the desired operation. Hydraulic power in connection with the accumulator system is valuable in those cases where only great intermittent work is required from a machine, or where numerous small operations must be performed at irregular intervals. The additional convenience that the power can be conveyed long distances—for the accumulator and pumping engine may be situated a mile or more from the power-receiving machine—greatly increases the usefulness of the system.

The non-compressibility of water, by which many of the more important operations of hydraulic machines are rendered impossible, and which allows pressure applied to one end of a column of water or hydraulic rod, to be given out at the other and distant end with but little diminution, is a cause of inconvenience in some respects. Directly the pressure from the original source—gravity, force pumps or other—is withdrawn, the water is powerless, for it has no self-contained or elastic force of its own like steam or compressed air.

In theory, the pressure which may be conveyed by water would seem unlimited, but in practice the limit is reached at a point much below that at which metals would be actually compressed. Hydraulic machines in all cases require good material and workmanship, but where the pressure exceeds 6000 pounds to the inch, the liability to derangement of parts rapidly increases; and although by using specially-made machines higher pressures than 6000 pounds per inch may be attained, the risk of packing leathers



A NEW MINER'S LAMP.

regard must be had, and which will, indeed, determine the choice to be made, are various. First, there is the nature of the motive power, with which one system of transmission rather than another may accord; secondly, there is the distance to be traversed and the obstacles that intervene, which may render certain methods of transmission unsuitable or impossible; thirdly, the power may either have to be transmitted in the gross or distributed; and, fourthly, there is the nature of the machine or process to which the power is to be ultimately applied, and to which one system of transmission may lend itself more readily than another.

The transmission of power by steam is, in the great majority of cases, confined to the few feet distance between a boiler and the cylinder of a steam engine. It is, however, possible, with the assistance of proper application of non-conducting materials, to convey steam 2000 feet with a loss of only 5 pounds pressure. It is advisable to do so in those cases when small engines are required in situations where boilers would be inconvenient, or their presence would greatly increase the rate of fire insurance. The expediency of transmitting power by steam depends a good deal on the manner in which the power is to be utilized. If a rotary motion is desired, an engine will generally be more effectually worked by steam than by water, if a boiler is available within 2000 feet and there are no obstructions in the way of the steam pipes; for though water is often used for transmitting power long distances, it is, if applied to rotary engines, generally confined to those of small capacity. If, however, power is required for direct-acting machines, such as cranes, presses, punching machines or riveting machines, then water would compare more favorably with transmitting steam.

The modern tendency toward higher pressures of steam than formerly, allows more margin for a reduction in pressure during transit, but the unremunerative consumption of fuel which a reduction implies is none the less. There is always the inconvenience that the loss in transit reduces the dryness of the steam and increases the liability to priming. The superheating of steam by a second process after it leaves the boiler, is directed toward this evil and neutralizes some of the effects of long transit. The question of conveying steam long distances is simplified if, by care in the arrangements, it can be resolved into one merely of expenditure of fuel, against which can be set the conveniences which in any particular case are obtained.

Hydraulic pressure was for many years after Bramah's time confined to presses where great force was only required to be concentrated slowly; the process of pumping to accumulate the small units of force occupying too long a time for general purposes, unless steam engines and pumps of great magnitude were provided, the expense of which would outweigh the benefits sought. Armstrong's invention of the accumulator, however, overcame this difficulty and opened out a wide field for the application of power concentrated and transmitted by water. By the accumulator system the pumps, instead of forcing water directly into a press cylinder, are applied to the forcing up of a loaded plunger, which, in pressing upon the water pumped against it, acts as a substitute for an elevated reservoir. The pipe which connects the pump to the accumulator is connected also with the machine in which the

failing, or of cylinders, pumps and valves bursting, increases.

In the use of compressed air for transmitting power, it should not be lost sight of that there are considerable losses by the absorption of power through the production of heat in compressing, by leakage, &c., and that the freezing of exhaust ports, &c., prevents its use expansively by cutting off before the end of a stroke. The most favorable opportunity for using compressed air is for transmitting power derived from some natural or gratuitous source, such as a waterfall or rapid, or from water pumped up by a windmill; and in many such cases where the power is abundant, the loss in transmutation which has been referred to is of little or no consequence. It has also the advantage over steam or water, that it is portable and can be conveyed in detached vessels long distances from the source of power.

In comparing the respective merits of different transmission systems, it will be found that compressed air cannot be employed advantageously for conveying great power. The difficulties of transmuting and transmitting mechanical force in this way increase with the pressure. The minimum of loss is obtainable by working at a low pressure; but as this involves cylinders of proportionately large diameter, the advantage afforded by this condition is limited. In fixed engines there is not much difficulty in having large cylinders, and a pressure of 20 to 30 pounds is not unusual, but in a portable machine like a rock-drill, where powerful and rapid strokes are generally wanted, the machine would be too heavy and cumbersome if made for low pressure. In exceptional cases, where rock-drills have to work against a head of water, a pressure as great as 120 pounds to the inch is often found necessary. It is, however, for machines detached from the compressor, and therefore needing a store of power, that the great pressure is required: and the density which affords 1500 pounds and even 2000 pounds to the inch, could not without great difficulty be maintained for transmission in pipes. For conveying power a considerable distance, 70 pounds per inch may be taken as the maximum of modern practice; and as, moreover, a speed greater than 4 feet per second involves an increased loss by friction, it is obvious that for transmitting great power, pipes of a capacity far beyond those used for transmitting equal power by high-pressure water would be required.

The transmission of power by connecting rods is, for general purposes, limited to very short distances. Long connecting rods have found their chief application in pumping from mines, and in recent times for the working of railway signals and points. In England connecting rods are found to transmit the necessary force, without inordinate friction, for distances up to 3000 feet, the rods working horizontally or at any angle of inclination.

The power is generally applied by means of a bell-crank or quadrant at the top of the mine-shaft, the crank being pulled and the vertical pump-rod lifted at each stroke of the connecting rod; the weight of the vertical rods being sufficient (they sometimes weigh more than 50 tons) to insure the downward movement of the pump-bucket or plunger, and therefore the return stroke of the connecting rod. The distance to which it may be profitable or expedient thus to transmit power depends upon many considerations; the

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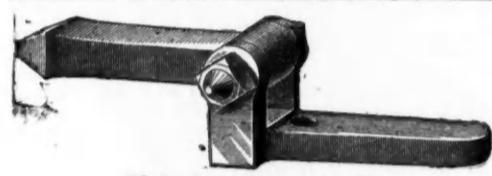
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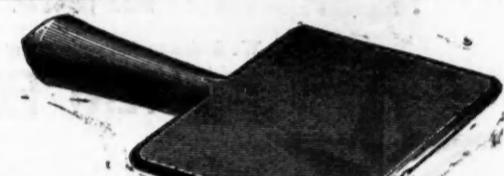
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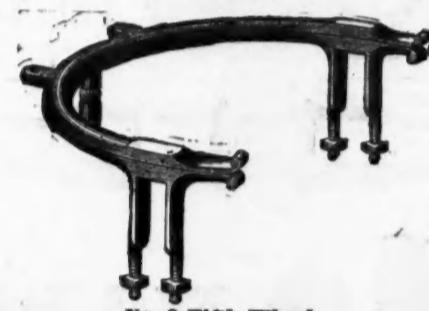
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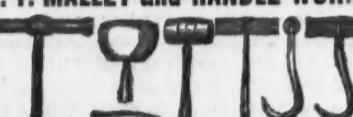
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cost of the rods with their supports, the intervening obstacles, such as the inequality of the ground to be traversed, the loss of power by friction, the right-of-way for the rods, and the proportion which these circumstances bear to the comparative expense and convenience of motive power placed nearer to the point where it is to operate. Such considerations have, in England, limited the transmission distance above ground to about 3000 feet, as just stated; but under more favorable circumstances much greater distances may be traversed. The rods are generally of wood, strapped with iron, and are supported on rollers or rocking-posts placed at intervals of about 50 feet. Iron rods are sometimes used where the work is light; but for transmitting considerable power stability against transverse and compressive strains is better obtained by the use of wood; and iron rods are seldom employed except for short distances, while wrought-iron tubes, combining much strength and stiffness with weight, are found most effective for transmitting the force which actuates signals and switches.

For distributing power to numerous machines, shafting is almost invariably employed, but for conveying gross power it is only expedient to use shafting for short distances. The engine or other motor is placed as near the point of distribution as possible, as the cost of the machinery and the friction in working increase rapidly with the distance of transmission. In England it is the general practice to take the power from the main shafts of large fixed engines, by toothed wheels, to one or more secondary shafts, from which the power is distributed by pulleys and belts to the various machines. Where the power has to be conveyed in numerous directions, or to many different workshops, the principal transmissions are either effected by toothed wheels or by belting, the former plan being the most frequent in England. But the use of toothed wheels greatly limits the speed of the shafts, and it is on the principle that quickly-running shafts are the most economical for transmitting a given power, that belting is preferred more often than formerly. Shafting which conveys power in the gross—that is to say, which transmits to one end the entire power it receives at the other—must be of uniform diameter; but the general use of shafting is to distribute power, and in such cases it is made to diminish in diameter with the distance from the motor as the power becomes less by that abstraction. For any but moderate distances it is expedient to place the steam engine or other motor in the middle of the line, and to take the shafts right and left from it, so as to diminish the length of each. In this way shafting is taken as far as 1000 feet in either direction from an engine; but although by careful arrangement and workmanship the friction can be minimized, the loss is considerable, and such long lines of shafting are only expedient when the necessities of distribution along the line are such as to justify a considerable expenditure of power in conveying it. Where there is but one or few machines, a separate motor close to the machine, or transmission by wire rope or water, would generally be preferable.

Belting finds its principal use in the distribution rather than the transmission of power. When, however, it is used for the latter purpose, it does not compare favorably with gearing for slow speeds, and when it is so used it is because of the supposed cheapness or simplicity allowed in the construction of the apparatus, or because of special difficulties in the way of gearing. Belting is not suited for transmitting exact speeds, for there is a liability to slip, which varies according to tension, temperature, tightness of the belt, smoothness of the pulleys and other circumstances. This liability to slip, however, makes it valuable in those cases when a sudden increase of work would endanger the safety of any of the parts of the machinery, breakage being avoided by slipping of the belt. The same relief is obtained in the starting of heavy machinery, the inertia of which is thus gradually overcome. The power which a belt can transmit is measured by its strength (depending on its sectional area and the quality of the leather) multiplied by the velocity. The ultimate breaking strain of leather belts varies, according to their kind, from 3000 to 5000 pounds per square inch of sectional area, but there are wide differences of quality. It is considered expedient to have a considerable margin of strength, and a working strain of from 300 to 350 pounds per square inch of sectional area is usually adopted, from 55 to 60 pounds tension on a belt 1 inch wide and 3-16ths thick being an example. From the gross tension given to the belt has to be deducted, to obtain the net result, a certain proportion which serves only to overcome friction on the pulleys, and though there are variations in friction arising from different causes, one-fourth is generally considered a fair allowance. As an approximate rule, a belt surface velocity of 55 square feet per minute may be taken as required for each horse-power transmitted; but as belts vary in thickness, such a rule may need qualification. Belts of double or treble thickness afford increased strength in proportion to their greater sectional area. In the United States, where belting is used for transmitting much greater power than is usual in England, main driving belts are made of all widths up to 36 inches, and 3000 to 4000 linear feet per minute is considered a proper speed, this speed being obtained more by the use of large diameter pulleys than of high-speed shafting. The distance of pulleys does not, unless in exceptional cases, exceed 40 feet for main driving pulleys, or 25 feet between minor distributing pulleys. Belting ropes are sometimes substituted for belting whenever good leather is scarce or flat belts are inconvenient. It is claimed that there is less risk of stoppage, because ropes give earlier warning of deterioration, and, as a number are used to convey large power, the failure of one does not involve immediate stoppage. On the other hand, clutches must be used, instead of fast-and-loose pulleys, for starting the machinery.

A more recent mode of transmitting power is that by wire rope, which possesses the great advantages of strength and endurance, its breaking strain varying from 80,000 to 100,000 pounds per square inch of section. The exact strength and flexibility of a wire rope depend upon the temper of the wire and the manner in which it is twisted; and, as several varieties of wire rope are made, the manufacturer should be informed of the purpose for which the rope is required, the diameter and kind of pulleys, and the tension at which it is to be worked. An iron rope 1/2 inch diameter will bear from 3 to 4 tons tension, and an iron rope 1 inch diameter 15 to 17 tons before breaking; ropes of similar size made of steel wire being equal to double these strains. About one-sixth of the ultimate tension is considered a fair working strain. The amount of force or energy which a rope will transmit in a given time depends upon its tension multiplied by its velocity, the foot-pound units so ascertained corresponding to a certain horsepower. It is the application of this principle which forms the basis of the teledynamic cable system. Ropes of small diameter are utilized by running them quickly, the desired speed being obtained by making the transmitting pulleys on the motor shafts of large diameter. In practice, the pulleys are of all sizes to 15 feet, and cables of from 3/4-inch to 1-inch diameter, with speeds of from 3000 to 5000 feet per minute (about 30 to 50 miles per hour), transmit any required force up to 400 horse-power. The power is taken by the rope passing round a grooved pulley of large diameter on the motor shaft, and, like a belt, transmitting the force to another pulley at a distance. The shaft to which the force is thus transmitted has a second pulley upon it, from which another rope conveys the power onward to a shaft, and so on by a succession of stages for a mile or more. It has been calculated on the basis of experience already acquired, that 120 horse-power could be transmitted 12 miles with a loss of only 25 per cent. The separate spans vary from 300 to 500 feet, and may be greater. The great advantage of wire rope, which is generally used for transmitting power from turbines or water-wheels, is that power can be conveyed long distances, not only horizontally, but up and down steep grades.

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Large Exports of Agricultural Implements.

Taking notice of the various articles making up the bulk of exports from New York from week to week, one cannot fail to observe that agricultural implements are an important item. Mowers and reapers, binders, plows, &c., are in favor the world over, China and the British Possessions in Africa not excepted. But France takes the lead, notwithstanding the heavy duties demanded by that government. Great Britain comes next, not so much to meet the demands of agriculture within her dominions as for distribution to the Continent and elsewhere. Germany, too, buys largely from the United States.

The exports of agricultural implements from New York since the beginning of the present year have been particularly heavy. But of late there are intimations that the markets at several points are being overstocked, some of the adventurers in this line finding that goods are left on their hands. The principal established houses, however, almost invariably sell their goods before they are shipped. It is believed that the export movement to France has been overdone. So, too, of New Zealand and parts of Australia. The trade with Chili has ceased altogether since the commencement of hostilities with Peru.

As will be observed from statistics given below, showing the weekly exports from New York for a month past, England receives agricultural implements on a large scale. But manufacturers remark that she turns out the same class of goods from her own shops. As a consequence, the margin of profit is cut down to the lowest figure, so that while the aggregate of business done is believed to be largely in excess of last year, the net results may not prove as satisfactory. We hear it stated that the English copy American machines as nearly as they can without infringement of patents, from which it follows that the closer they approximate the sharper the rivalry.

South America is spoken of as a good field for enterprise, Monte Video and ports in Brazil promising well. At the same time, it is evident that improved implements are not fully appreciated there. It will not do to merely send out the machines, without suitable men to demonstrate their utility. An exporter says: "If you should send out a treadmill and could get the people on it, it would be sure to go; but the South Americans, as a rule, don't want to labor or to save labor; they don't see the advantage of it."

The following shows the value of exports for a series of weeks:

	Week ending April 1.	April 8.	April 15.	April 22.
Stettin	\$5,224	8,162	14,483	7,012
Hamburg	6,700	11,150	11,864	3,235
Bremen	510	1,285	—	5,656
Antwerp	6,348	1,707	—	—
Rotterdam	—	84	880	—
London	14,239	7,897	6,676	8,398
Liverpool	16,057	15,703	15,534	—
Glasgow	—	80	900	—
Mexico	1,116	—	—	996
Havre	4,944	—	—	—
British Australia	32,899	8,799	33,306	30,748
Hull	798	11,816	5,372	—
Rio	—	—	5,050	—
Chile	635	200	90	290
U. S. Colonies	692	447	530	994
Cuba	275	2,216	—	—
Brazil	—	235	476	143
Hayti	122	292	—	328
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The London *Engineer* does not like the idea of an American export trade in locomotives. Commenting on recent Swiss orders for American locomotive engines to burn the Valais coal, that journal says: "English people are wanting work, and yet for some reason, or want of it, our locomotive builders allow a country nearly 2000 miles further away from Switzerland than we are to supply locomotives to that country." This is not the first time that English manufacturers have let business slip away from them, under the mistaken notion that those who want must needs come to them. There was a time when such a thing as foreign competition with English locomotive builders was unheard of and unthought of. But things have changed within ten or twenty years, and so far from "allowing" the United States to take business which they are in need of, the English locomotive builders cannot help it. Their

permission was not asked, we believe, and the tone of the *Engineer* in commenting on it is very much more like that of a querulous old woman, than like that of a live newspaper commenting on the happenings of the times. Trade which Great Britain cannot hold, no longer belongs to her, and it is rather because of a reason than for want of one, that she is losing some part of the advantage she once had in her trade with other nations.

Foreign Trade Statistics.

The returns of the Bureau of Statistics for March, just received, show a continued increase in imports and a decrease in exports—both of which are indications of improvement in the condition of general trade. The increase of imports shows that the requirements of consumption are becoming more varied, and that a larger demand exists for imported articles of luxury. The diminished exports show that consumption is gaining on production, and that we have a less abundant surplus to spare after our own wants are met. The merchandise imports in March were valued at \$41,917,256, against \$37,637,871 for March, 1878—showing a gain of about \$4,300,000. The exports of merchandise and produce during this period were valued at \$66,116,219, against \$71,726,578 for March of last year—a decrease of about \$5,600,000. As there has been a steady gain in imports since the beginning of the year, it may be assumed that it means a larger consumptive demand for foreign manufacturers and products, and the probability is that 1878 will be conspicuous in our national trade statistics as the year of smallest importations and largest trade balance. Coincident with the increase in imports was the decline in exports, and the falling off in three months since the beginning of the year has been at the rate of \$60,000,000 per annum. The following is a summary of the March returns:

IMPORTS IN MARCH.	
Merchandise.....	\$41,917,256
Specie.....	1,184,604
Total.....	\$43,101,860
Increase.....	3,276,302

EXPORTS IN MARCH.	
Merchandise.....	\$66,116,219
Specie.....	2,994,844
Total.....	\$69,111,063
Decrease.....	5,188,185

IMPORTS, NINE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31.	
Merchandise.....	\$329,440,636
Specie.....	15,988,126
Total.....	\$345,428,762
Decrease.....	4,498,321

EXPORTS, NINE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31.	
Merchandise.....	\$320,133,840
Specie.....	19,813,243
Total.....	\$339,947,083

COMPARISON OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR NINE MONTHS.	
(Exclusive of Specie.)	
Imports.....	\$320,133,840
Exports.....	558,572,225
Excess of exports.....	\$229,131,389
(Inclusive of Specie.)	
Imports.....	1878-9.
Exports.....	1878-9.
Surplus of exports.....	\$228,669,644
SPECIE MOVEMENT, NINE MONTHS.	
Imports.....	1878-9.
Exports.....	1878-9.
Excess of imports.....	\$16,945
Excess of exports.....	\$3,259,749

From this it will be seen that, notwithstanding the reaction which has set in, the balance in our favor in international trade is still very large. While our credit balance for the three months ended with March is \$26,000,000 less than that for the same period of last year, it reaches the very respectable sum of \$14,694,000. For the nine months of the fiscal year ended with March, the credit balance in favor of the United States in the merchandise movement is \$203,114,701, against \$229,131,589 for the corresponding nine months of the preceding fiscal year. When we remember that an enormous excess of exports over imports during the past three years was due to abnormal conditions, and that it was possible only because the general depression caused the most stringent economy of domestic consumption, we have no reason to regret the fact that statistics show a tendency in our merchandise exchanges with other countries to approximate an equalization of imports and exports. We are not in sympathy with those who believe that national prosperity would be best promoted if our exports were enormously increased, and our imports limited to the species received in payment for what we sent out. The economy and national self-denial which rendered possible the sudden and complete reversal of the course of our foreign trade, may have been a good thing in its resulting efforts, and necessary as a condition precedent to recovery from depression. It was not, however, any more desirable in itself considered than any other form of self-denial. We needed fewer imports, chiefly because our people were poor. We had so great a surplus of food products and useful commodities for export, chiefly because our own people could not retain them for home consumption, and not because we produced in such an enormous excess of our real needs as the statistics of the export movement would seem to show. We have had our years of fasting after our years of feasting, and no doubt we are the better for it; but

our increasing ability to consume both domestic and foreign products, is much more an evidence of returning prosperity than would be a continued gain in exports and a further shrinkage in imports. The abundance which is the end and aim of human effort, is not abundance of specie, which cannot be eaten, nor worn nor enjoyed save as a material in the arts, but an abundance of comforts—of food, clothing and other useful commodities which satisfy the needs or gratify the desires of mankind. Were our country drained of such useful commodities by a heavy export movement, and nothing came in save specie or securities, we should soon need more comforts and enjoyments than remained to us, and our coin accumulations, if we could not exchange gold for useful commodities, would quickly become a burden.

Under the operations of a tariff which encourages the development of our varied productive resources, without placing an unwholesome restraint upon the natural course of foreign trade, we can watch the fluctuations of our trade balance without anxiety. Experience has shown that such a tariff as that now in operation does not restrict importations when the requirements of consumption demand them, nor does it impose burdens which consumers find oppressive. The fact that our exports exceed our imports by nearly \$300,000,000 per annum, shows that it does not operate to the disadvantage of the consumers of domestic products, since we could not export unless our products were cheap enough to compete with like products of other countries, or with products which, if not like our own, could be substituted for them if enough cheaper to make such substitution an economy. In these respects protection has realized for the American people all the practical benefits ever claimed for it, and it is much to be regretted that each succeeding Congress may be expected to try its 'prentice hand at the work of remodeling it. That it is susceptible of improvement in many respects we do not doubt, but the gentlemen of the Ways and Means Committee are not content with suggesting improvements in the existing tariff. Hence we may expect an annual agitation, disturbing business and unsettling confidence—ending in a burst of popular indignation which causes the politicians to suddenly lose interest in the matter. Knowing, as we do, that these annual attempts to remodel the tariff are prompted by unworthy motives, and have for their object merely the gratification of the personal vanity of certain ambitious "statesmen" who have no other means of attracting public attention to themselves, it is not to be wondered at that business men lose patience and, perhaps, something of their former faith in the benefits of popular government.

Our Imports of Iron and Steel.	
Imports in 1872.....	1878.
Specie.....	1,184,604
Total.....	\$37,637,871
Increase.....	2,157,687

Exports in 1872.....	
Merchandise.....	1878.
Specie.....	2,994,844
Total.....	\$71,726,578
Decrease.....	2,892,675

Imports in 1873.....	
Merchandise.....	1878.
Specie.....	15,988,126
Total.....	\$320,133,840
Decrease.....	4,498,321

Exports in 1873.....	
Merchandise.....	1878.
Specie.....	19,813,243
Total.....	\$339,947,083
Decrease.....	4,498,321

Imports in 1874.....	
Merchandise.....	1878.
Specie.....	15,988,126
Total.....	\$320,133,840
Decrease.....	4,498,321

Exports in 1874.....	
Merchandise.....	1878.
Specie.....	19,813,243
Total.....	\$339,947,083
Decrease.....	4,498,321

Imports in 1875.....	
Merchandise.....	1878.
Specie.....	15,988,126
Total.....	\$320,133,840
Decrease.....	4,498,321

Exports in 1875.....	
Merchandise.....	1878.
Specie.....	19,813,243
Total.....	\$339,947,083
Decrease.....	4,498,321

Imports in 1876.....	
Merchandise.....	1878.
Specie.....	15,988,126
Total.....	\$320,133,840
Decrease.....	4,498,321

Exports in 1876.....	
Merchandise.....	1878.
Specie.....	19,813,243
Total.....	\$339,947,083
Decrease.....	4,498,321

Imports in 1877.....	
Merchandise.....	1878.
Specie.....	15,988,126
Total.....	\$320,133,840
Decrease.....	4,498,321

Exports in 1877.....	
Merchandise.....	1878.
Specie.....	19,813,243
Total.....	\$339,947,083
Decrease.....	4,498,321

Imports in 1878.....	
Merchandise.....	1878.
Specie.....	15,988,126
Total.....	\$320,133,840
Decrease.....	4,498,321

Exports in 1878.....	
Merchandise.....	1878.
Specie.....	19,813,243
Total.....	\$339,947,083
Decrease.....	4,498,321

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The truth regarding steel appears to be about this: There are a few English steel manufacturers who make a very good quality of steel—as good as can be made in the present state of the art. There are a few American manufacturers who make just as good steel as these few English. The very best steel of both can be spoiled by carelessness or ignorance—the American just as easily as the English, and no easier. Then there is other English steel that is just as poor as poor American. When a manufacturer, be he English or American, buys good steel, either English or American, and works it with care and intelligence, he will get good results. If he uses it carelessly, he will get bad results; but when poor steel is bought, whether English or American, the result will never be satisfactory.

The Marquis of Lorne has taken pains to reassure the home government on the probable effect of the Canadian tariff on the trade of that colony with Great Britain. It is claimed that if the tariff should materially alter the volume of trade, it must be in the direction of an increase, and it is somewhat hastily added that, in several branches, this result will certainly follow. How far this rather indefinite statement will prove satisfactory to our English friends, remains to be seen. Perhaps it may be a consolation to them to learn that the measure is justified on the ground "that the action of the United States is invariably hostile to Canada on all matters relating to tariffs, and that the manufacturers in the United States can disorganize and destroy any special Canadian industry by combining to flood the Canadian market with a similar product sold below the actual value." It does not seem, however, that all Canadians have reason to be well pleased with what has been done for them. For instance, we learn that the Canadian Southern Railroad paid over \$1000 duty on coal consumed on the west end of the line during the first three weeks after the duty of 50 cents per ton was imposed.

New Publications.

THE JOURNAL OF THE IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE. 1878. No. 2.

We are in receipt of the second part of the volume for 1878 of the transactions of the Iron and Steel Institute, whose proceedings are deservedly those most carefully watched by metallurgists of all countries. The volume before us contains the proceedings of the Paris meeting, the main features of which were presented to the readers of *The Iron Age* immediately after the meeting. They comprise the paper read by Prof. Jordan on the iron resources of France, followed by an interesting discussion, participated in by Messrs. Bell, Riley, Richards, Jordan, Fréméy and others, on the effect and economy of various coking ovens for the production of coke for blast-furnace use. Three papers on steel—one by Prof. Akerman, of Sweden, one by Mr. D. Adamson and one by M. Ernest Marché—were read in succession, the discussion taking place on all of them after their reading. The two latter are of lasting value, comparing favorably with anything yet brought forward by the Institute. The discussion turned on the comparative merits of the Bessemer and open-hearth steels, upon the use of mild steel for shipbuilding and boilers, upon the corrosion of iron and steel, and the effect of manganese upon steel. The part containing the papers read at Paris closes with that of Mr. J. Sylvain Perissé on the Ponsard furnace. In the light of recent developments, it would seem that the most valuable and far-reaching communication presented to the Institute was that by Messrs. Thomas & Gilchrist, on their process for diminishing phosphorus, and it will be a source of regret to many that it was not read, and could not, therefore, appear in the transactions. There are a number of appendices, one of which would seem out of place to all but a speech-loving Englishman, who would grieve to be without a full account of after-dinner talks. More interesting are the accounts of the excursions to Terre Noire, St. Chamond, Creusot and Hayange.

Eighty pages of the transactions are devoted to "Notes on the Iron and Steel Industries of the United Kingdom in 1878," and are a most remarkable jumble of important statistics, notices of minor technical improvements, industrial items which display a want of system, of discrimination, and, we regret to say, a lack of knowledge which is striking. Ostensibly the whole is divided into: I. "Industrial Review." II. "Technological Notes," "Mining Notabilia," "New Inventions and Appliances," "Miscellaneous" and "Obituary." As an instance we will take the "Cleveland District," the first under the "Industrial Review." In this department the general secretary very properly places the production of the Cleveland iron mines and the output of its blast furnaces. Between the latter and a statistical account of the finished iron trade, we suddenly strike a description of Robert's apparatus to show automatically the height of the charge in the blast furnace. Then we have a number of short industrial items, giving meetings of prominent establishments, which, perhaps, if they were more numerous, might prove of value. On page 542 we are informed by the "Industrial Review" that a compressed air locomotive for mines is at work at the Pensher Colliery. We turn to "Mining Notabilia" to see what can be possibly left for that department, and find "Determination of Sulphur in Coke." Mr. John Jones, of 10 St. Paul's Road, Mid-dlesbrough, we are told, has solved the fearful problem of cleansing and purifying pig. This fortunate gentleman has passed pig through his process and is able to show the following brilliant analysis as the fruit of his labors: Iron, 92.14 per cent.; graphitic carbon, 3.92; combined, none; manganese, 0.76; silicon, 1.73; sulphur, 0.3; phosphorus, 1.43 per cent. We ask in astonishment what has the general

secretary been doing during the long and animated debates on the phosphorus question? On the same page, 543, we find him quoting Mr. Bell as follows: "The silica was almost entirely carried off as SiO₂." These examples may suffice, and it will only remain necessary for us to assure our readers that the general secretary or his ad-camp has not succeeded in crowding all his errors of judgment and of fact into this one first chapter. We would suggest to the editor of these British "Notes" to study carefully the transactions of other societies, and would beg him to devote to their editing and proof-reading that conscientious labor for which, for instance, the "Transactions of the American Institute of Mining Engineers," edited by Dr. T. M. Drown, or the "Minutes of Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers," edited by Mr. James Forrest, are so remarkable. This would eliminate all errors from the transactions proper. As for such a department as the "Notes," members should continue to rely upon the enterprise and vigilance of technical journals, whose conductors are far better able to follow and judge current progress than a secretary of a scientific body, whose summary, printed slowly and at long intervals, cannot help being far behind the times. In this respect English journalism is well represented, and deserves encouragement and support at the hands of such a body as the Iron and Steel Institute.

BETRIEBSBERICHTUNGEN AUF AMERIKANISCHEN EISENBAHNEN, Bahnhofsanlagen und Signale (Stations and Signals). By H. Bartels, Berlin.

Although it may be said that the books of the Centennial Exhibition have been closed for some time, the balances (which proved to be very satisfactory ones) have been drawn and the subject dismissed, there come to us from time to time fresh evidences of the good the exhibition has done, not only to us, but to others. The representatives of foreign nations have returned to their homes highly impressed with what they have seen, and eager to urge the acceptance of what seemed to them worthy of adoption or adaptation. This has been notably the case with the German commissioners, whose able reports, notably those of Reuleaux, Wedding and others, have done much to place American industry and enterprise in the proper light. The work before us is the outgrowth of the same purpose of examining critically what is being done in this country, with a view to adopt desirable features of our railroad practice, modified in accordance with the altered conditions. Mr. Bartels treats in this first volume of his report, published at the request and under the auspices of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Public Works of Prussia, of stations and signals only. Much of the work is necessarily descriptive, and does not, of course, possess the interest of novelty for American engineers, and yet the book will bear close reading, as every page contains comments and criticism which will all the more command attention, as they are pronounced by one evidently able to appreciate the peculiar conditions under which our railroads were built, and willing to judge our methods from the standpoint thus gained. How great are the difficulties attending an effort to enter into the spirit of our railway and transportation service, will be readily understood by those who have watched Continental methods, often as inexplicable to Americans as our apparently reckless ways are to many Europeans. A flattering tribute is paid by Mr. Bartels to American engineers, who, he says, know how to deal with the most difficult and most important problem, that of adapting themselves to the requirements of every special case with much genius and originality, and often in a grand manner. Mr. Bartels' work has, in printing and illustrations, all the well-known merits of a German government publication, and is remarkably free from typographical errors, which our difficult geographical names make so easily possible.

Demand of Payment.—The Supreme Court of Missouri, in the case of Pier vs. Heinrichshoffen, recently decided a rather curious case involving the question of due diligence in making demand for payment. The holder of a note payable in a distant city, sent it by mail for collection to a bank in that city in ample time to reach its destination by ordinary course of mail before maturity. When the letter containing the note reached the city the bank had made an assignment, and the address of the sender being printed on the envelope, the postmaster at once returned it with the endorsement, "bank failed." The holder on the day of its reception again mailed it to another agent, who caused it to be presented and protested for non-payment on the day it was received, but several days after maturity. Held that the holder had used due diligence in making demand of payment, and that he was not required to make provision for a possible but unanticipated suspension of the bank before the arrival of the letter, nor for the unauthorized interference with the same by the public officer in charge of the mails.

Railway Mortality in Great Britain.—The numbers of persons killed and injured in the United Kingdom in the course of public traffic, during the 12 months ending the 31st of December, 1878, as reported to the Board of Trade, were as follows: Passengers—From accidents to trains, rolling stock, permanent way, &c., killed, 24; injured, 1,173; by accidents from other causes, 101 and 579. Servants of companies or contractors—From accidents to trains, rolling stock, permanent way, &c., killed, 15; injured, 156; by accidents from other causes, 529 and 1,847. Persons passing over railways at level crossings, 48 and 22; trespassers (including suicides), 298 and 147; other persons not coming in above classification, 38 and 83. Total, 1,053 and 4,007.

The Langloan Iron Company (Messrs. Adie), after fully testing their new blast furnace—the largest one in Scotland—on the close-top principle, have accepted contracts for the erection of another on the same principle and of the same size, which will add very materially to the extent of their daily casting power when it is in full operation.

The Pintsch Lighting System.

In *The Iron Age* of Feb. 13 we printed a communication on Pintsch's Lighting System, in which the most important data in regard to this invention were given. We learn that a company has now been formed, composed of responsible and well known capitalists, to manufacture gas by the Pintsch process. Mr. Ernst Schoenrock, who has been in this country for some time introducing the process, leaves on Saturday to bring over a complete plant, which it is proposed to set up in Jersey City, N. J. As the extensive use of the process in Germany, England and Russia for a series of years gives it a recognized standing, and as circumstances are in this country even more favorable to its development than in Europe, additional information, for which we are partly indebted to *Engineering*, may prove of general interest.

The manufacture of the gas is not in itself novel, consisting, as it does, chiefly in the distillation of oil or any fatty refuse in a closed retort, 10 inches deep. The vapors are conducted through a second retort placed below the first, in which they are subjected to a heat sufficient to decompose them into gases which are permanent even at a considerable pressure. The gas is then passed through condensers in order to deprive it of tarry constituents, and through a washer, two purifiers and a meter. From the latter it is conveyed to a gas holder, where it is temporarily stored. For permanent storage the gas is withdrawn from the gas holder and compressed by a compressor, first to about four and then to about ten atmospheres, in which state the gas is delivered into holders measuring 250 cubic feet, and therefore capable of holding 2500 cubic feet of gas in a compressed state. From these holders the gas is filled into smaller reservoirs (at a somewhat lower pressure), which, being portable, may be taken easily to where the gas is to be burned. For lighting railway cars, for instance, they are permanently attached to the lower part of the car, while for buoys, mines, &c., the mode of use will easily suggest itself. The main feature of Mr. Pintsch's invention is the regulator, by which a uniform pressure is maintained at the burners. It consists of a cast-iron vessel, conical in shape, the upper part of which is closed by a gas-proof membrane. To the center of the latter is fastened a rod with a joint, which is placed in connection with a special valve. The gas passes from the receiver into the regulator, until the tension of the membrane is sufficient to actuate the valve by means of the rod, thus cutting off the supply of gas automatically. The efficiency of the apparatus has been proved by seven years' experience on German railroads, and has been adopted by the Great Eastern Railway and the London Metropolitan road in England. It has so well satisfied the naval authorities in England in regard to its value for lighting channels, that they have ordered buoys of a size capable of supplying a light burning for four to six months. For railway carriages an arrangement is provided by which all the lights can be simultaneously turned down to a faint glimmer and turned up again, which is very useful for trains passing through tunnels. We learn that a 1-foot burner will give a 15-candle power light. As an instance of the permanent character of the gas and its non-liability to condensation, *Engineering* mentions that the receivers of the saloon carriage of the Prince of Wales on the Great Eastern Railway were filled with gas in April last year, and the carriage was used four or five times between that month and August without the receivers being refilled in the interim.

What is the Best Oven for Coking Coal for Furnace Use?

BY JNO. FULTON, E. M. *

From the facts hitherto submitted it has been definitely settled that certain qualities of coal are the prime elements in the production of good furnace coke. The methods of coking are secondary. If the coal is unfit for making good coke, either from impurities or lack of bituminous matter, no treatment in its coking can correct these normal defects. But, other conditions being equal, the mode of coking exerts a decided influence on the physical structure of the coke, adding to or taking from its calorific value as a furnace fuel. It is remarkable, however, that the most desirable coking coals inherit in their normal composition the elements which give their cokes, under right oven treatment, the best physical structure for maximum calorific energy and economy in blast furnace use.

That there is a very wide range of differences in the calorific value of coals, in their application to special purposes, has been fully demonstrated. Rich bituminous coals that would give satisfactory results in generating steam, would be worthless in a blast furnace. Hence, a careful study of each variety of coal has been made, in order that it may be applied in such a manner and to such uses as will insure the greatest efficiency and economy. In this intelligent application of particular varieties of coals to especial purposes, great care has also been taken in the examination of their chemical constituents, physical structure and calorific values. While this triple attention has been clearly made out, coke has been regarded simply in two aspects—its hardness and purity.

If it was "dense" with a "silvery luster" and "sonorous," it was received without further scrutiny, and no distinction made between coals approximating these standard requirements. Coke was coke. And what difference should it make in furnace work if one coke differed in physical structure from another, when both inherited nearly equal volumes of carbon, ash and sulphur? But results obtained from furnace work clearly showed the existence of wide differences in their calorific values—differences so marked as to make questionable the value of certain qualities of coke for furnace work.

* From Report G, Second Geological Survey of Pennsylvania.
† See Report L, Sec. Geol. Survey of Pennsylvania.

Take, for instance, the analyses of the following coals for blast-furnace use:

	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	Average
Water	0.030	0.800	0.835	
Volatile matter	0.460	0.46
Fixed carbon	59.576	87.58	90.48	89.21	91.106	89.06
Sulphur	0.821	1.06	0.56	1.06	0.544	0.80
Ash	9.113	11.36	8.06	9.66	7.550	9.33
Total	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.00

Manifestly there is little difference in the chemical elements of these coals, from which we infer wide differences in their calorific values in furnace work. Cokes I and IV were made in Beehive ovens—I from coal as it came out of the mine, and IV from washed coal. These are the best qualities of cokes. Coke II is made in Belgian ovens from coal as mined; it also is of the best quality. Coke III is made from washed coal in Belgian ovens. It could not be advantageously used alone in furnaces running on Bessemer pig iron. About 20 to 30 per cent. of it can be used as a mixture with Cokes I, II, IV or V. Increasing its use over these proportions will induce a cooling of the furnace with unsatisfactory work. This has been definitely settled by intelligent tests in blast furnace.

Mr. James J. Fronheiser, superintendent of furnaces, Cambria Iron Company, has recently made some interesting comparative tests of coke in one of the furnaces under his direction at Conemaugh. This rather small furnace was run for a week on Coke I, in Table A, which inherits an open cellular structure. The blast was heated to 800° F., and driven at the rate of 2600 cubic feet per minute. The ores used were mainly from Lake Superior, with some native hematite and Spanish mixtures, producing for the week 150 tons of good Bessemer pig iron. The following week the furnace was run on a fuel mixture of one-quarter Coke I and three-quarters of a coke somewhat denser in structure than Coke I, but in every other respect its equal. The furnace stock otherwise precisely equal during both tests, the blast was increased in volume to 3250 cubic feet per minute to meet the increased density of the fuel. The result was a week's make of 145 tons of good Bessemer pig iron. The consumption of coke in both weeks was 1.29 tons to 1 ton pig metal. The cokes were carefully weighed during both tests. Both cokes were made in Beehive ovens.

The results show that under the best conditions, with the column of blast proportioned to the density of the cokes used, there is a direct loss in a week's work of 11 tons of metal, or 7½ per cent. nearly. The test was made mainly to determine whether the proportioning of blast to the density of each quality of coke would produce equal results. Hence equal weights of coke to 1 ton of pig were used. The question of the relative economy of these cokes, in the quantity of each required to smelt 1 ton pig iron, was not entered into. The test exhibits a loss of product by the languid action of this dense coke, which, considered alone, would reduce its value from that of Coke I at least 11 per cent. It indicates also the loss made by using in mixture in a furnace cokes of different physical properties.

Direct tests were made at the furnaces of the Kemble Coal and Iron Company, in the Broad Top coal region, in December last, by Mr. William Lauder, general superintendent, to determine the relative calorific values of cokes made in Beehive and Gobet ovens, using the same quality of coal in each kind of oven. The furnace in which the tests were made is 14 x 60', with modern blowing machinery and hot-blast oven. The ores are from the Clinton group, (No. V), well known as the Junta Fossil Ore, containing 30± per cent. of metallic iron. The coke is made in Beehive ovens. Previous to this test a few Gobet ovens were erected, from which the coke was obtained for this purpose. The increased density of coke made in this kind of oven was very manifest. It was found that with careful management in both trials it required 2300 pounds of Gobet coke to carry the same furnace burden as 1900 pounds of Beehive coke. Mr. Lauder writes: "I should like to hear from you on the subject. I confess I am surprised at the results. While this coke was on the furnace it took 515 pounds to 1 ton of pig iron. With the Beehive coke, 415 pounds were made in the interim.

The loss per ton of pig iron made is 1040 pounds of coke, or 20 per cent. If the furnace makes 250 tons a week, the loss would be 115½ tons of coke, at \$2.25 = \$259.87 per week. On the other side two claims are made—one for the economy of labor in the Gobet oven, the other for a larger percentage of coke from the coal. It will be shown subsequently that an economy of 12 cents per ton does exist under first claim, and under the second an increase in coke of 14.3 per cent., nearly—taking the product of Beehive at 63 per cent., and the Gobet oven at 72 per cent.

The loss per ton of pig iron is 1042½

tons a week.

Then 462½ tons, saving 12 cents per ton, ... \$55.50

Increase of coke of Gobet oven, 14.3 per cent. = 66 tons @ \$2.25, ... 148.50

Total, ... \$304.00

The actual loss per week would be \$259.87, less \$204, equal \$55.87. With dense coke the furnace worked badly, producing an inferior pig iron.

In this case difference in the densities of the two cokes was much greater than in the cokes used at Conemaugh Furnace trials; hence the increased difference in results.

Doubtless the Gobet oven in the latter case experienced some difficulty in coking a washed coal of rather moderate percentage of bituminous matter, making the ovens run cold and intensifying the dense structure of the coke. But the difference, in practical furnace work, by cokes of varying physical structure is clearly made out. These tests have been corroborated by others pursuing the same general inquiries, but it is presumed that they are sufficient to establish the points raised in the investigation of this coke fuel question—the direct effect of its physical structure on furnace work.

In pursuing this inquiry it is important to qualify the conditions of its use in furnace work. The advantages of large cellular

coke in this respect has been fully illustrated. This result assures the well-known principles in furnace practice, that the more cellular the coke the smaller the volume of blast air necessary to burn it, and that the rapidity of combustion is in direct proportion to the amount of surface exposed to the action of the oxygen of the blast air. The best coke for furnace fuel should therefore possess the largest cell structure with the hardest cell walls possible in coke. Many cokes of medium cell structure are compensated by a columnar structure in coking and the consequent breaking up into small pieces. The undesirable cokes are therefore: 1st, Coke of a soft quality and dense physical structure; and 2d, Coke of soft or hard quality made by the method of coking.

There may be some exceptions in favor of a moderately hard dense coke in its use as a mixture in anthracite furnaces, as by its density it will bear a pressure of blast nearly equal to anthracite coal and co-operate with the latter in giving out its heat.

A mixture of this kind of coke of one-third to two-thirds of anthracite coal has been found to work advantageously in keeping the furnace open and energizing the anthracite fuel. This exception in the use of dense hard coke in conjunction with anthracite coal, does not change or modify the general law governing the production of cellular coke for blast furnace use. It only shows that medium dense coke helps anthracite coal in furnace work, and the increased calorific energy which its presence induces would probably be still more marked in anthracite furnaces of moderate height.

The principle which requires hard cellular coke fuel for blast furnace use, is in requiring a minimum volume of blast in supplying the oxygen demanded in the combustion of the fuel. If the heat at the tuyeres in a blast furnace is taken at 3000° F., and the blast air is forced through the tuyeres at 1000° F., then it is evident that the greater the volume of blast air necessary in the combustion of the fuel (above what is absolutely required for the oxidation of the carbon of the fuel in its best physical condition), the greater will be the cooling effect of this excess

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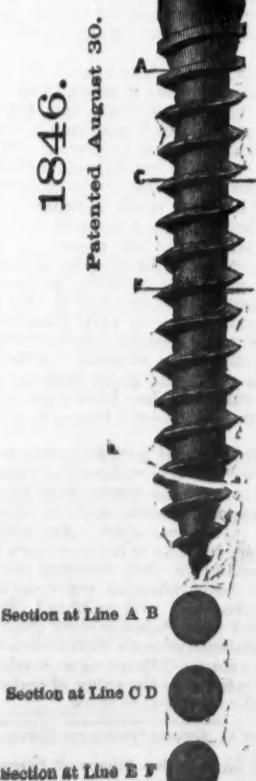
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can be proportioned to their density. The main result in the use of coke over standard density will be in the reduction of the make of metal. With very dense coke the result is not only in loss of make of metal, but in its inferior quality and general unsatisfactory working of the furnace from its characteristic soft cell walls.

II. What is the best oven for coking for blast furnace use?

That the mode of coking exerts a very important, though secondary, influence on the physical character, uniformity of quality and dryness of the coke, has been very fully determined in furnace work. But it is questionable whether sufficient attention has thus far been given to the physical structure of the cokes as affected by each class of coke ovens.

The three typical families of coke ovens—the Bakers or Beehive, the Cappé, Belgian or François, and the Appolt—all testify to efforts in the production of coke from widely different qualities of coals, without any design at enlarging or modifying the cell structure, or volatilizing a maximum of sulphur, with an objective aim at the largest percentage of product and economy of work.

The action of each system on the density of the coke will be readily understood if we conceive a brick, laid flat, to illustrate the section of chamber in the Beehive class of ovens, with its necessary shallow charge, minimum pressure in coking, and consequent maximum cellular product of coke.

If a brick is laid on its edge, it will show very accurately the posture and condition of the chamber in the Gobet, Cappé, Belgian or François ovens, with the necessary pressure induced by the increased depth of charge, producing an increased density in coke.

The Appolt oven is made plain, by setting the brick on end, producing the maximum pressure on its charge, and consequently the densest coke.

Mr. I. L. Bell, however, points out the difference of the physical character of the coke and its influence on furnace operations, in page 315 of his work on "The Chemical Phenomena of Iron Smelting." Reviewing the results of coke in furnace work, made in ovens of ancient and modern plans, he says: "My firm have tried these plans" (Belgian or François ovens), "but found the usual effect in the furnaces inferior to that obtained in the ordinary way (Beehives)."

In consequence of this, all the more recently erected ovens have been constructed upon the old fashion; and I have endeavored to ascertain what are the circumstances which reduce the value of the commodity made according to the more modern improvements below that made in the more simple oven."

In pursuing this inquiry, he gives the results of several experiments illustrating the action of hot carbonic acid on the carbon of coals of different physical structure, proving that it is affected in widely different degrees by the solvent power of the carbonic acid gas. In other words, that coke can be made too hard or dense, as well as too soft and open, for the most useful effect in furnace operations, and that a coke of intermediate physical structure between the above is the most desirable in yielding its heat readily, efficiently and uniformly, thus maintaining the train of operations in the chemical reactions of the furnace which are so essential to the best results in its operations.

Experiment 706. Two and one-quarter grains of hard coke, previously exposed for two hours in a covered crucible to a high temperature, was placed in a combustion tube. All air being expelled from the apparatus, a stream of thoroughly dried carbonic acid was passed over the coke for 15 minutes at a red heat, and for 35 minutes at a bright red (maximum of a Hofman's double furnace). Two liters of carbonic acid were passed over the coke, and from this only 26 c. c. of carbonic oxide were collected, the remainder of the carbonic oxide being unchanged."

Exp. 708. Hard coke, pulverized to size of mustard seed, exposed at a temperature of melting zinc for three-quarters of an hour to a current of carbonic acid, gave a mere trace of carbonic oxide.

Exp. 709. Soft coke, similarly treated as previous experiment (708), in 1½ hours gave 92 c. c. of carbonic oxide, determined by explosion with oxygen and absorption by caustic potash."

These experiments indicate very decidedly the action of carbonic acid gas on the three conditions of coals submitted to these tests. They exhibit more especially the most desirable condition of coke for furnace use. They do not, however, embrace a wide enough range in the investigation of the physical structure of coke, for "hard coke" and "soft coke" are simply relative terms, indicating the completeness or incompleteness of the operation of coking. Reducing or pulverizing each quality of coke to the size of mustard seed cannot represent related conditions in actual work in the furnace, for the undesirability of most of the dense coals consists, in part, of their production in large lumps, while the desirable coke is produced in moderately diminutive pieces.

The prominent and conclusive fact is made out that the make of coke in one class of ovens is not found useful in a degree warranted by the nature of its constituents, and that a different kind of oven, treating the same coal, produced a coke giving entirely satisfactory results in furnace work, under precisely similar conditions with the former.

The extremely soft or partially prepared coke called "black ends" would undoubtedly cause the furnace to work disadvantageously, in loss of heat by its dissolution too high in the stack. This indicates the necessity of the uniformity of quality in the coking of fuel for persistent, useful work in furnace operations.

The examples of the undesirable properties of dense coke in Conemaugh and Kom-

ble furnaces, are sustained by very wide experiences in using too dense a fuel.

Mr. P. Doyle, L. C. E., in the *Colliery Guardian* of February last, indicates an effort recently made in British India to interest the capitalists of Bengal in the development of the native iron manufacture. In this connection, the quality of coke has been entered into: "It is satisfactory to learn that, in order to meet the demand which must naturally ensue, the principal coal companies in this part of India are devoting a great deal of attention to the manufacture of coke. Prominent among the companies is, of course, the East India Railway, whose resources in this respect may be approximated at nearly 50 tons per day. The quality of this coke, although considered the best in India, is not all that could be desired. Its great fault is excessive density, which renders it almost incombustible at ordinary red heat." The analysis yields;

Carbon 84.00
Ash 15.00
Sulphur 25
Moisture none
Total 100.00

It is added, "The defect is one that can be easily rectified," and here, just on the threshold of the most interesting inquiry, the correspondent suddenly stops. As the composition of the coal from which the coke was made is not given, it is impossible to estimate whether the objectionable density of the latter can be "rectified" or not. A reduction of its ash is evidently required.

A gentleman from South Russia visited the Cambrian Iron Works during the past Centennial year. He was in the pursuit of knowledge. A furnace with which he is connected had been put in blast, with hard Donets anthracite coal as fuel, composed as follows: Carbon, 95; ash, 3, and volatile matter, 2. This fuel was charged into the furnace in great "chunks" of one-half ton or more. Under the action of heat these did not break up or decarbonate, hence, wide spaces were left open for avenues to blowers, impinging on the furnace lining, and cutting it out in a little over a week's blast.

The trial was made a second time, after enveloping the new lining of furnace in a mammoth tuyere. This time the effort was continued over two weeks, terminating in the same disastrous results as in the former case. This gentleman was advised to import an American "coal breaker," or procure a comprehensive assortment of sledges and hammers to break the coal into small pieces before introducing it into the furnace. Undoubtedly the same experience would have been encountered in the use of the American variety, but for the property the latter possesses of decarbonating freely on exposure to furnace heat, thus exposing enlarged surface space to the action of the reducing gases, and enabling it to be used with a heavy column of blast.

The breaking of larger pieces of all coals inclined to density of physical structure has been found beneficial in furnace use. In one case a saving of 12 per cent. of fuel was obtained by breaking up the larger pieces. The denser the coke the smaller it should be broken, in preparing it for the blast furnace.

It has been determined that the best coals for furnace use inherit a physical structure having the cell space to the whole mass in the ratio of 38 to 62, and that the average of the series of best coals would give as a standard the cell space of 36 to 64 of coke.

It is also important that the cell spaces are large and well defined—easily distinguished from diminutive cells or pores. The latter may occupy as large a space in the aggregate as the former, and yet be undesirably dense.

The best quality of Connellsburg coal, treated in the Belgian ovens of the Cambria Iron Company, produced a coke of very objectionable density, especially in the bottom and middle of the charge. The effects of the pressure, in the deep charges of this family of ovens, on the density of coke has been observed. It increases from a cell space ratio of 26 to 2 to the standard average of 36 on the section on top.

This is very definitely shown in the coke made in the experimental Gobet ovens, at the Kemble Furnaces, in the Broad Top Coal Region.

In coking in the primitive pits or mounds, a very full cellular structure is developed, fully equal to the Beehive in this respect. There are, however, two objections to this mode of coking: 1. It produces irregular work, a portion of its coke is soft or "black ends"; and, 2. That it is the most expensive of the systems under review. For uniform, economical work, in coking coal for blast furnace use, it cannot be strongly recommended. Yet, under careful management, in mild, dry weather it has given results, on the whole, fairly satisfactory.

The inquiry as to the best oven will be confined to a comparison of the Beehive and Belgian, the Appolt being regarded as planned for peculiar cases which are not embraced in the limits of the present investigation.

The advantages of the Beehive are mainly as follows: 1. It produces from the coal the best possible physical structure of coke. 2. It yields a uniform quality of coke. 3. Its coke, watered out in the oven, is produced in the driest condition. 4. In racking it out it is separated into diminutive pieces; and, 5. The operation of coking in it is simple, and the cost of oven and repairs moderate.

The Belgian or François oven has its advantages: 1st. It produces a uniform quality of coke; and 2d. It is the most economical method of coking.

Its disadvantages consist mainly, with the ordinary coking coals, in making a dense coke. It requires skill in its coking operations. It requires its coke to be quenched outside in a clumsy manner, producing a damp fuel. Its cost is large, but its repairs moderate.

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* Hon. D. J. Morrell, who has just returned from Europe (Oct. 1878) visited, when in England, the extensive iron works of Mr. I. L. Bell's firm. He found the coke being prepared in extensive and complete Beehive ovens. The charge to each oven was six tons of coal, yielding 3½ tons of excellent coke (28 per cent.).

The pride and authority of the author of "Chemical Phenomena of Iron Smelting" are on the side of Beehive ovens.

But the question arises, whether mixtures of coals of different densities in a blast furnace are economical, since the blast cannot be proportioned to the densities of the fuel, and must therefore be a compromise with its consequent waste. But in the coking of such coal, a mixture of more bituminous coal might be introduced, enabling it to be coked in Beehive ovens with an improved open structure of coke.

The relative cost of making coke in each kind of oven is hereby given, with original cost of ovens and annual cost of repairs. The estimate contemplates banks of ovens to produce 100 tons of coke per day, or 30,000 tons per year. Coal at \$1 per ton delivered at ovens.

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50 ovens at \$200. \$16,000
Interest on investment, 10 per cent. per annum 1,600
Annual repairs and renewals at \$10 each. 800

Then \$4,000

Then = 8 cents per ton of coke.

Cost of Coal and Coking.

1,60 tons of coal at \$1 per ton \$1,60
Labor at ovens, charging and drawing 27
Interest on cost of ovens and annual repairs. 8

Coal, \$1.60; coking, &c., 35 cents; total \$1.95

Belgian Ovens.

65 ovens at \$700 each \$45,000
Engines for pushing coke out of ovens 30,000
Annual repairs to engine 50
Tracks for engine 300
Annual repairs to ovens 310

Annual interest on investment (\$45,000) at 10 per cent. \$4,500

Then \$4,800 + \$310 + \$50 = 7½ cents

30,000 tons. nearly.

Cost of Coal and Coking.

Coal, 1,42 tons at \$1 per ton \$1.42
Labor at ovens, charging, lifting, pushing, &c. 23½
Interest on cost of ovens and annual repairs. 17½

Coal, \$1.42; coking, &c., 41 cents; total \$1.83

DO GOLD NUGGETS GROW?

Prof. Roscoe, in a lecture before the Royal Institution, refers very favorably to

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developed within the last few years in France. The molasses from the manufacture of sugar from beet root has been hitherto employed for yielding alcohol. The waste liquors from the stills were then boiled to dryness, and the mass calcined in a reverberatory furnace to recover the alkaline salts. During the calcination the entire amount of organic matter in the waste liquors from the stills was destroyed, until

M. Camille Vincent, of Paris, conceived the idea of utilizing them, in which it appears he has admirably succeeded. At the distillery of Messrs. Tilloy, Delaune & Co., at Courrières, the waste liquors are evaporated until they attain a density of 1.31. They are distilled in cast-iron retorts. The residue, after four hours' distillation, consists of porous charcoal and the alkaline salts, while the gaseous products condensed yield ammonia water, tar and combustible gases.

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A startling theory has been advanced by

Mr. G. Attwood, in a paper read before the Chemical Society of England, which will make experienced California miners shake their heads. Mr. Attwood asks,

DO GOLD NUGGETS GROW?

and answers by assuming that they do, owing to the accumulation of fresh particles of finely precipitated gold. At Guayana, Venezuela, a large area of alluvial soil has been

found to contain gold, and nuggets up to 25 ounces have been discovered within 3 feet of the surface. Quite one-half of these nuggets are covered with a dark-brown sub-

stance resembling a silicate of iron.

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The Engineer describes an apparatus invented by E. Wimhurst for

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for a variety of purposes at sea. The arrangement is so made that the waste heat from the boilers is utilized, the generator, a vessel oval in section, being placed in the funnel in a suitable position. It is fitted up with a scraper to remove the salt scale formed, which is taken out through a hand hole. The apparatus does away with the donkey boiler and attendant, and furnishes a ready supply of fresh water.

Mr. Schützenberger, a French scientist who has recently paid much attention to the

ALLOTOPIIC FORMS OF METALS,

has now announced that he has succeeded in obtaining antimony, copper, lead and silver in allotropic forms by precipitating the metals from saline solutions by electro-

lysis and otherwise.

A correspondent of the London *Mining Journal* gives the following details of a new process for

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NICKEL,

invented by Dr. Weil, of Paris. He has

found that the best mode of preparing the metallizing bath and the best proportions of

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drated oxide by means of caustic soda or

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caustic soda, containing about 70 per cent.

soda, is to be added, when a clear solution

of copper will be formed. Other alkaline

tartrates may be substituted for the Rochelle

salt above mentioned, or even tartaric acid

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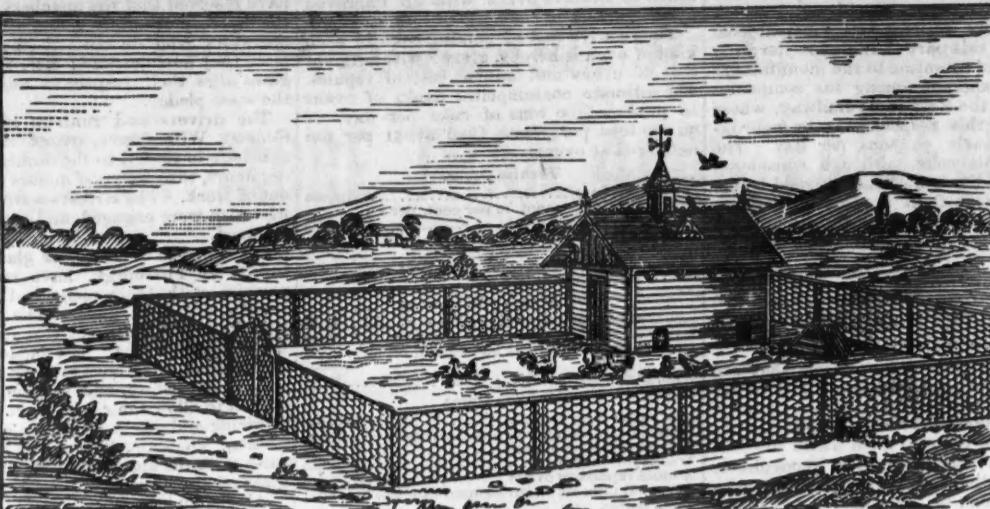
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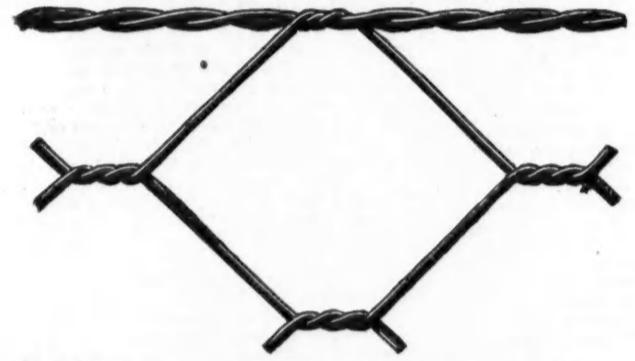
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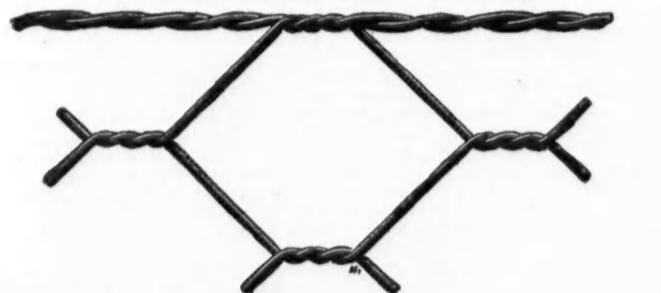
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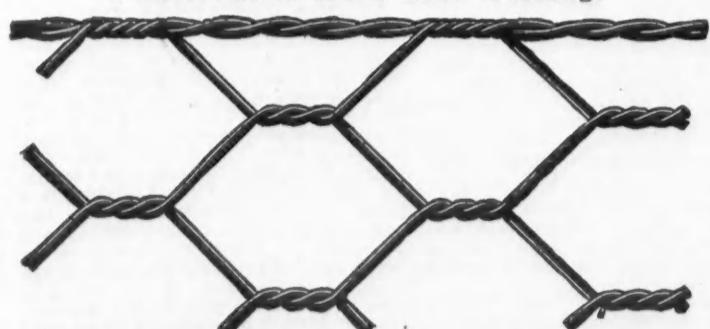
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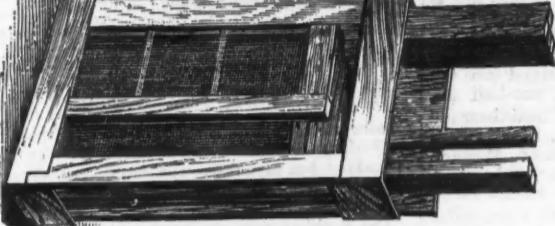
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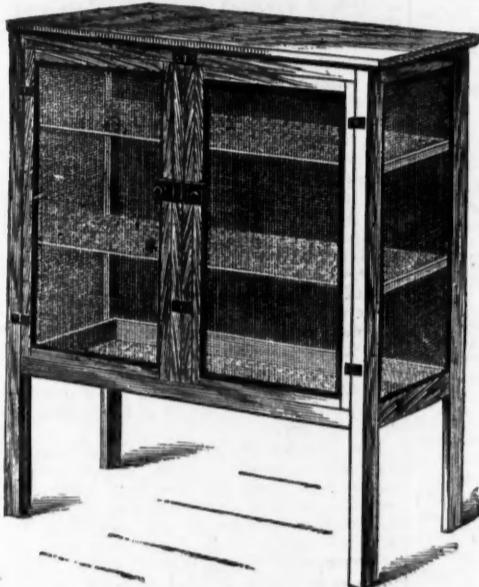
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Meat Safe Folded.



Six of these Safes packed in space of one set up.

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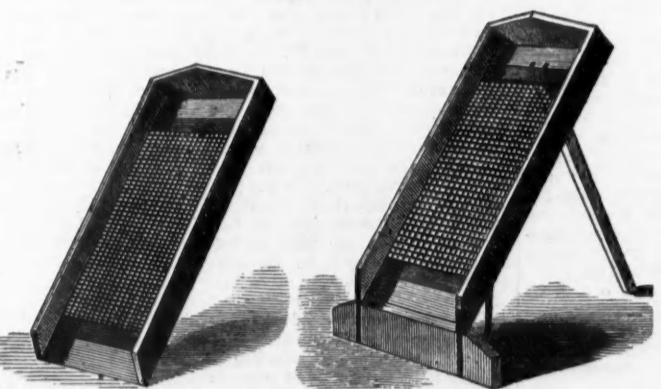


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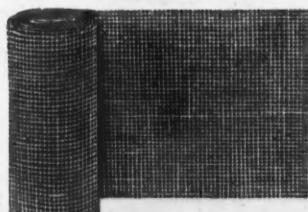
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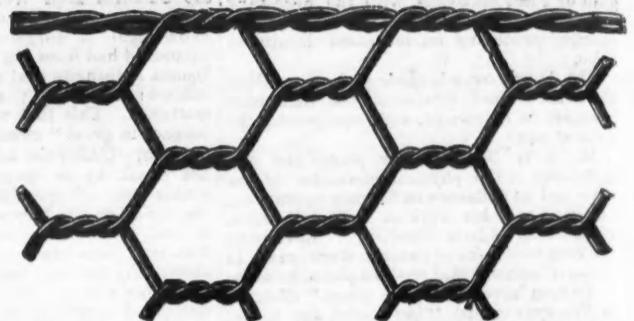
Power Loom Painted Screen Wire Cloth.



No length less than 100 feet shall be understood to be a Roll.
 Plain Green or Drab by the roll..... 4 cents per square foot.
 Figured " " " 6 " "
 Landscape " " " 14 " "

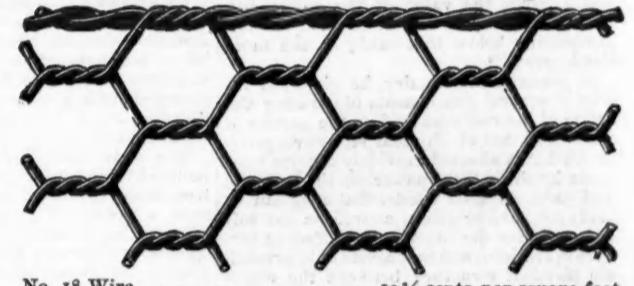
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3-4 Inch Mesh Wire Netting.



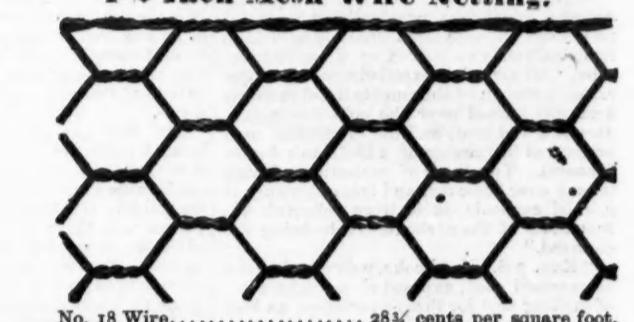
No. 18 Wire..... 12½ cents per square foot.
 No. 19 "..... 10¾ " "
 No. 20 "..... 9 " "
 Widths in stock, 24, 30, 36 and 48 inches.

5-8 Inch Mesh Wire Netting.



No. 18 Wire..... 19½ cents per square foot.
 No. 19 "..... 18 " "
 No. 20 "..... 16½ " "
 No. 22 "..... 14½ " "
 Widths in stock, 24, 30 and 36 inches.

1-2 Inch Mesh Wire Netting.



No. 18 Wire..... 28½ cents per square foot.
 No. 19 "..... 25¾ " "
 No. 20 "..... 21½ " "
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Galvanized Wire Cloth.

In calling the attention of the reader to our Galvanized Wire Cloth, would say that we galvanize these goods after being woven, by which means the fabric is forever protected from rust, and a degree of strength imparted to the goods that could be obtained in no other way, the intersection or crossing of each wire being completely soldered together, forming a perfect sheet of perforations, with no possibility of the wires slipping together.

For use in Water Works, Strainers for Drains, and for forming separations in Fish Ponds, this article is now superseding the use of Copper Wire Cloth and Perforated Copper and Zinc, the cost of the Galvanized Wire Cloth being two-thirds less than copper, and its durability as great as the latter, and where used it is giving general satisfaction. It is also extensively used to protect church, factory, school houses, cellars and stable windows, wool dryers, and for drying fruit it is coming into very general use.

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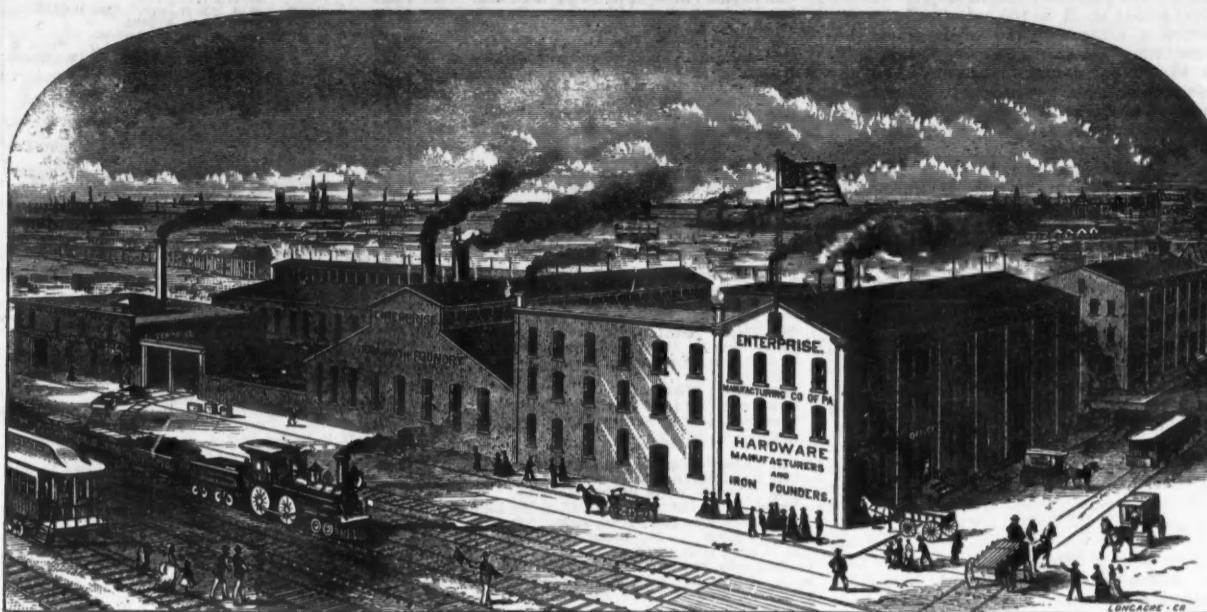
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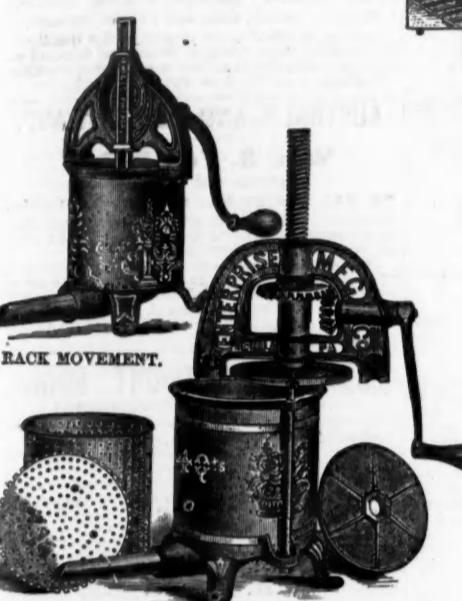


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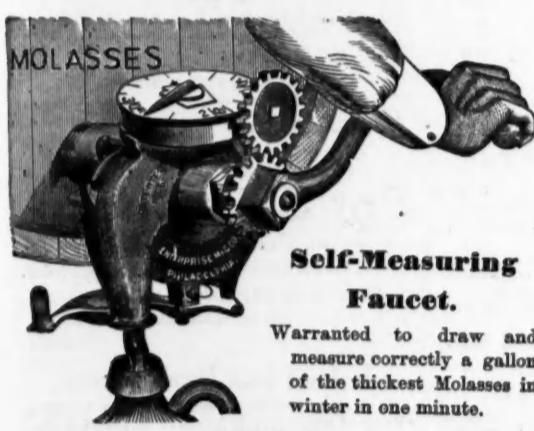


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EIGHT STYLES, From \$2 to \$9.



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Warranted to draw and measure correctly a gallon of the thickest Molasses in winter in one minute.

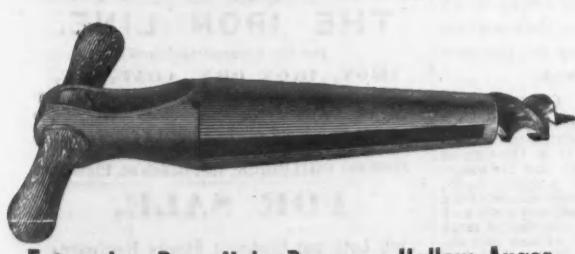
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Showing a Set of No. 50 or 55 Irons.

Double-Pointed Smoothing, Polishing and Girls' Toy Irons.



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Unique Butter Knife
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For extracting Butter, &c.,
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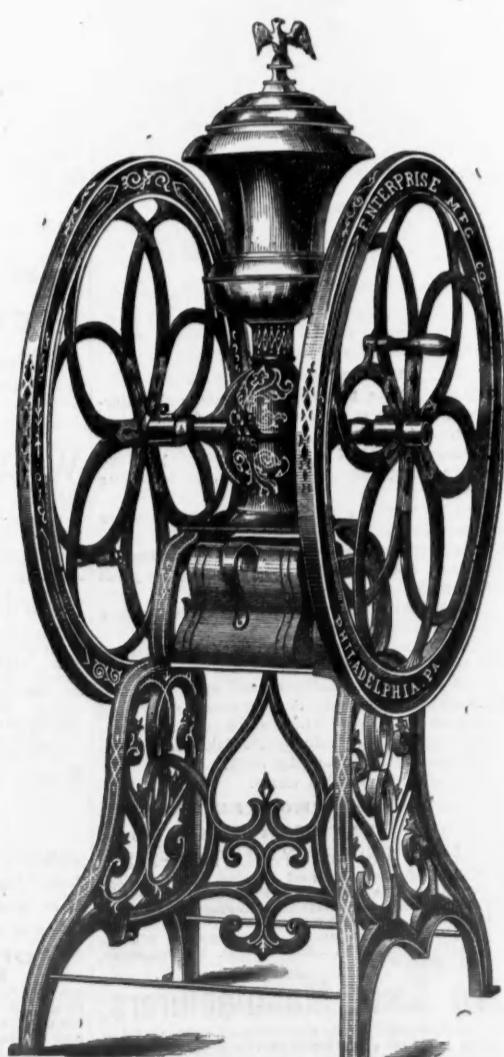
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Champion Tobacco, Root and Herb Cutter.

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No. 20 Mill.

FOR SALE BY THE HARDWARE TRADE.

A Comparison of European and American Railroads.

In the report of Mr. W. A. Anderson, Assistant Commissioner from the United States to the Paris Exhibition, on the subject of transportation, we find the following:

As there is no part of the world where railroads have been such an important agency in material development as has been the case in the United States, so it is gratifying to observe that nowhere else has there been greater progress in the art of railway construction, or in the business of railway administration and management. Of the 185,000 miles of completed railways in the world in 1878, nearly one-half were in the United States. Having reference to territorial areas, this preponderance is very great, but as compared with populations, it is enormous. With vast regions urgently demanding the speedy construction of new roads as the line of civilization has moved across the continent; with the needs of the older settled portions of the country not by any means supplied, and with that impatience of delay and eagerness of enterprise which are characteristic of the American people, it is not surprising that there should be much that is crude and superficial in many of the railway works of this country. But when we consider the relative cost of construction, the wants of a comparatively new and partially developed country, and the nature of the means available for railway construction, it will be found that American railroads, in the condition of their permanent ways and of their rolling stock, in their system of administration and in their efficiency, will compare favorably with those of any other country. In many regards they would not be as well suited to the countries and populations of Europe as in the practice of railroad construction and management now universally prevailing in those countries. Indeed, the characteristics, social relations, and the wants of the people and needs of the country, are so different from those of European nations, that it is difficult fairly to contrast the European railway systems with the American. Particulars as to which theirs would not be at all adapted to this country, render them all the better suited to the needs of the transatlantic populations. There are some things in the European railway practice which strikes an American as inferior in convenience to the practice adopted in the United States, particularly their arrangements for the movement of passengers and their baggage. There is frequently a want of co-operation between railway companies in the arrangements of through tickets over connecting lines owned by distinct companies, and the simple and convenient system of through checking of baggage prevailing in this country is almost wholly unknown. There are other striking particulars in which the practice of European railways, their management of trains, their plans and arrangement of cars and coaches, differ from the American railway system; but these are often not only different, but almost equally good, modes for reaching the same results which are obtained in America by other and not superior methods.

Their sub-division of their passenger coaches into couples or sectional compartments, each seating six, eight or ten persons, when full, and having no means or direct communication with each other, or with the other cars of the train; their provision of retiring rooms at their stations, instead of having any such conveniences upon ordinary passenger and express trains, which appear at first awkward and inconvenient to the persons accustomed to the American system, are not without their advantages. Their system of guards upon passenger trains who do not control the movement of the train, their position being quite inferior to that of the American railway conductor; of managing their trains by telegraphic signals from the principal stations, as is the case upon some lines; of always requiring a passenger to have a ticket before allowing him to go upon the train, and of never allowing a fare to be paid upon the train, possesses some advantages over ours. When we consider the character of the respective populations, the effects of class distinctions everywhere so marked and so recognized in the Old World, the diversity of European populations and the comparative shortness of journeys, many of the objections that at first suggest themselves to the arrangements adopted upon European railways disappear. There is certainly much to admire in the wonderful system and exactness with which hundreds of trains are daily moved upon the network of railroads in the vicinity of their chief cities. In these vast centers of dense population and enormous traffic, the movement of trains and the transportation of passengers and freight are conducted without collision or confusion, with the regularity and precision of clockwork. In the convenient arrangement and substantial construction of depots and depot buildings, the Continental and British railroads are equally abreast of the very best practice of the strongest and best-managed railroads of this country. In the regard shown for human life, the provision made at stations for crossing the tracks by bridges above or arched ways below the roadway, in the facilities provided for imparting reliable information to travelers as to routes and trains, and the courtesy of the railway guards and officials, some of the European lines set the example which would be well for all railroad companies to imitate.

The report then gives an interesting synoptical view of the railway systems of the leading European nations. The French system dates its growth from 1840. The roads *ancien réseau* (old net work), were constructed largely by private enterprise, and constituted the trunk lines. The *nouveau réseau* (new net work), or tributary lines, were aided by a government guarantee of 4 per cent interest, with 65-100 per cent additional per annum as a sinking fund. In 1878 there were 15,000 miles of completed railway in France. The gross receipts were \$162,847,105. The average receipts per mile were \$13,132. They employ 183,000 persons, or an average of 12 6-10ths per mile. The mean velocity of passenger trains an hour is 32 miles. In Great Britain there were 17,000 miles of road open in 1877, at

an average cost complete of \$174,000 per mile. The net earnings for 18 years have exceeded 426,100 per cent per annum upon the whole amount of capital invested. Mr. Anderson observes that this gives some idea of the prudence, economy, skill and faithfulness of the management of English roads.

The right of way has also been a much larger element of first cost than in any other country. The rate of speed on English railways is greater than on any other railroads in the world, averaging for passenger trains 40 miles an hour, with a maximum of 70 an hour on best trains. The report states that the weight of locomotives is being largely increased, attaining a maximum power at a minimum consumption of fuel. Mr. Anderson regrets that the German empire was not represented at all, as the art of railway construction, equipment and management has been brought to a higher degree of excellence in that great country than anywhere else upon the Continent of Europe. The problem of broad and narrow gauge roads, as applied to general traffic and city transportation, is as much a subject of controversy among European as among American engineers. The gauge of the trunk lines of Europe is 4 feet 8 1/2 inches between the rails. The narrow gauge, as generally adopted in Europe, is 39 371-1000 inches. The cost of these roads is \$29,000 a mile. In England narrow-gauge roads have been reduced to 2 feet 11 1/2 inches.

Bessemer Steel Inkstands.—With the view of showing how Bessemer steel can be adapted to various purposes, Messrs. Brown, Bayley & Dixon, of the Sheffield Steel and Iron Works, have, by way of curiosity, turned out a number of inkstands manufactured from rail ends. Each of these inkstands is made from a piece of the firm's ordinary Bessemer steel rails, and is without any weld, the holder for the ink bottles, &c., being drawn out of the head, and the pen-rack forged from the flange. The inkstands are not intended for sale, not being sufficiently ornamental for that purpose.

From the Maryland region the coal trade has opened up quite brisk. For the week ending April 12th 33,103 tons of coal was shipped, against 30,000 for the same week last year. Total for the year, 303,870, against 242,627 last year—an increase of 61,243 tons.

Special Notices.

HARDWARE BUSINESS FOR SALE.
A rare opportunity to purchase an established Hardware Store and Tinware Shop in an active business town, located on a line of railroad 60 miles from New York city. The only store of the kind in the town. Surrounded by a rich and thickly settled farm district. A time has been selected when large manufacturing and jobbing trade the year round; also a large trade in grass and garden seeds and agricultural implements. Good reasons for selling. Address P. O. Box 45, Deckertown, Sussex Co., N. J.

FOR SALE,
The Stock, Tools and Machinery of an established Cutlery Manufactory will be sold low to close out. Address W. H. C., Office of *The Iron Age*, 220 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

NOTICE.

The Copartnership heretofore existing, under the name of SARGENT & BROTHER, manufacturers of Cotton, Wool and Horse Cards, Blod Staples, &c., &c., of Leicester and Worcester, Mass., is dissolved by its own limitation and mutual consent.

The business of the late firm will be carried on as heretofore by the

SARGENT HARDWARE COMPANY,
Worcester, Mass.,

to whom all the Factories, Machinery and other manufacturing property, trademarks and stamps have been sold and transferred; and said Sargent Hardware Company is authorized to collect and receipt for all money due the late firm of Sargent & Brother, and will pay all the indebtedness of said firm. Under the authority to state firm of Sargent & Brother is authorized to receive payment of the name of the firm to receipts for money paid.

EDWARD SARGENT,
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April 1st, 1879.

WANTED—Responsible situation in a Foundry and Machine Shop, by an experienced pattern maker, well acquainted with mill gearing and general machinery; is a good draughtsman; is at present engaged. References given. Address for ten days, L. M. B.,
Office of *The Iron Age*, 83 Reade St., N. Y.

A MECHANICAL ENGINEER desires a situation as draughtsman or superintendent of works; many years experience as superintendent of works; thoroughly acquainted with stationary engines, steam pumping machinery and boiler work. Best of references. Address **MECHANICAL ENGINEER**,
Office of *The Iron Age*, 83 Reade St., New York.

NOTICE.

The copartnership heretofore carried on under the name of the

Snell Manufacturing Company

is dissolved by mutual consent, H. CLARK having disposed of and transferred his interest this day to MESSRS. TENNIS & WILSON of New York.

(Copy) HULL CLARK,
EMORY L. BATES.

FISKE, Mass., April 17, 1879.

I WILL BUY,

If satisfactory after mutual investigation, a \$5000 to \$10,000 interest in an established, well-located GENERAL HARDWARE STORE, where the services of an experienced office man are desirable. No stoves or tinware.

Address, with particulars, F.,
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10x24 Wm. Wright Engine,
15x3 1/2 foot Pitkin Bro. Boiler,
With fixtures complete, nearly as good as new. Can be seen in operation at our factory.

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In one of the most flourishing towns in Western Connecticut. Stock consists of Hardware, Paints and Oils, Wall Paper, &c.; doing a good safe business. Satisfactory reasons for selling. Will make terms easy.

Address " H. M. L."
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JUST PUBLISHED—SENT FREE.
Complete History of Wall Street Finance, containing valuable information for investors. Address BAXTER & CO., Publishers, 17 Wall street, New York.

Special Notices

Second-Hand & New Tools
FOR SALE.

May List

The Tools in the following list are all of Wood, Light & Co.'s make, have been used, but are all in good order and will be sold very low:

Five Engine Lathes, 35 in. swing 6 ft. bed.
Six Engine Lathes, 30 in. swing 7 1/2 ft. bed.
Five Engine Lathes, 20 in. swing 6 ft. bed.
One Engine Lathe, 25 in. swing 6 ft. bed.
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One Engine Lathe, 24 in. swing 6 ft. bed.
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Two Upright Drills, 27 in. swing, not geared.
One Upright Drill, 25 in. swing, not geared.
One Upright Drill, 30 in. swing, back geared and self feed.

Two Planers, 35 in. x 30 in. x 8 ft.
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One Shaping Machine, 25 in. stroke.
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Four Bolt Cutters, various sizes.
One Horizontal Boring Lathe.

The following are all new tools to be sold very low, and are all Wood, Light & Co.'s make:

Four Engine Lathes, 16 in. swing, 6 ft. bed.
Two Engine Lathes, 16 in. swing, 8 ft. bed.
One Engine Lathe, 20 in. swing, 8 ft. bed.
Two Planers, 24 in. x 24 in. x 6 ft.
One Planer, 35 in. x 36 in. x 8 ft.
Three Shaping Machines, 11 in. stroke.
Two Engine Lathes, 16 in. swing, 6 ft. bed.
Two Engine Lathes, 15 in. swing, 6 ft. bed.
One Engine Lathe, 15 in. swing, 6 ft. bed.
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Also the following miscellaneous Tools:

One Portable Engine, 6 in. cylinder.
One Hand Milling Machine.

One "Pond" Index Milling Machine.

Three Chase Patent Planing Machines.

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a cause bellicose, and the feeling is intense on both sides. The Bolivians are incensed all the more, as they are in the midst of a famine and have been for some time past. From all appearances the war will be a most embittered and possibly a protracted one, the belligerents being well matched. The market for Manufactured Copper is steady and the demand generally supplied at combination prices, which are unchanged. We quote: New Sheathing Copper, 22¢; Braeigns, 24¢; and Bolts, 24¢; Bottoms, 26¢; American Yellow Sheathing Metal, 13 1/4¢; Yellow Metal Bolts, 20¢; and English Yellow Sheathing Metal, 12¢ @ 12 1/4¢, currency, in bond.

Tin.—Our market continues quiet and lifeless, and we quote Straits on the spot, 14 1/4¢ @ 14 1/2¢. About 3000 slabs Straits arrived here this week; heavy imports may be looked for during the next fortnight. London cables Straits 26¢, and Singapore, \$21.50 per picul. We quote: English refined and common, 15¢; and Banca, 17 1/2¢ @ 17 1/4¢, all large lines. The following is by mail from England, dated April 17:

"Foreign tin has advanced again this week and English has followed, though not quite to the same extent. Values to-day are: Lamb and Lead, 70¢; Refined, 71¢; Straits, 70¢." **Tin Plates.**—We receive the following from Liverpool, under date April 17:

"Mark is in the meantime determined not to close another day a week, and consequently market is weaker than when this was uncertain. Still sellers are fairly firm and don't seem greedy for orders. This being, owing to the Easter break, rather an exceptional week, we must wait a few days to see the actual position of affairs." On the whole there is a better feeling in the Tin Plate markets, the expectation being that prices will be maintained, owing principally to the fact that the season has now fairly advanced, and that from all indications the consumption is quite large. We quote large lines, ordinary brands, per box, as under: Charcoal Bright, \$6.25 @ \$6.50; Charcoal Terne, \$5.75 @ \$6.00; Coke Tin, \$5.25 @ \$5.50, and Coke Terne, \$5.00. There is nothing of special interest by cable from England.

Lead.—Sales since last week sum up about 250 tons, an aggregate of a great many small lots, beginning at 2.95¢ and selling down to 2.75¢ at the close, most of the Lead sold going at the last-named figure. The market is still dull, with only 2.75¢ bid for parcels, and the jobbing demand very light. The stock is increasing, the Lead going into store. There are now 10,000 tons here and 2000 tons afloat, with perhaps 1000 tons in transit by rail. They write from England under date April 17: "Lead is easing down, to-day's price being, English Fig. 21.12/6 and Spanish, £14.5/." Manufacturers' prices are unchanged. We quote Bar, 4 1/2¢; Pipe, 5¢; Sheet, 6¢; Tin-Lined Pipe, 12¢; No. 1 Solder, 10¢; all less 10% to the trade.

Selter.—The business in Selter is at a standstill, only small sales being reported at 4 1/2¢ @ 4 1/4¢. We quote: Refined, 8¢ @ 8 1/4¢; Silesian, 5 1/2¢ @ 5 1/4¢, nominally, and Berganport, from Lehigh ore, 9¢. Sheet Zinc is worth 6 1/4¢.

Nickel.—Is moderately actively at \$1.25. Accounts are to hand from New Caledonia, where mining and all industries were gradually reviving, the country now being thoroughly pacified.

Antimony.—The jobbing demand existing for this metal is supplied within the range of 11 1/4¢ @ 12¢, according to brand.

IMPORTS

Of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York, for the Week ending April 29, 1879:

Hardware.
Ansonia Clock Co.
Mdse., pkgs., 4
Arnon & Wilkinsky,
Mdse., pkgs., 22
Baldwin Bros.
Tubes, cs., 2
Mdse., pkgs., 37
Barbour Bros.
Machinery, cs., 6
Bartram Bros.
Sew. mach., crate, 1
Blumenthal A. & S.
Mdse., pkgs., 8
Bohm Hermann & Co.
Hdw., pkgs., 507
Brown W.
Scales, cs., 2
Cable E.
Brass wire, pkgs., 13
Charles Thos.
Gardner, 2194
De Blanque E.
Mdse., pkgs., 8
Eggers & Heineken,
Copying press, cs., 1
Eric & North Shore
Line.
Mdse., pkgs., 7
Fales Thos.
Ans., cs., 2
Mdse., pkgs., 2
Folsom H.
Arms, cs., 3
Hecht Bros.
Mdse., pkgs., 16
Herman H. & Co.
Mdse., pkgs., 7
Herten & Co.
Iron safe door, 1
Hopkins E. T.
Mdse., pkgs., 10
Howard, Sanger & Co.
Mdse., pkgs., 1
Lewis Bros.
Mdse., pkgs., 9
Livingstone W. & F.
Grindstones, 1532
McCoy & Co.
Mdse., pkgs., 9
Moore's J. P. Sons,
Arms, cs., 3
Mdse., pkgs., 2
Rogers H.
Mdse., pkgs., 3
Gauge glasses, pgs. 5
Schoverling, Daly &
Gales.
Arms, cs., 1
Mdse., pkgs., 4
Siegmund Bros.
Hdw., pkgs., 1
Struthers, Lau & Co.
Mdse., pkgs., 2
Thebeau Bros.
Sew. mach., cs., 1
Thompson C. M.
Wire rope, cks., 15
Ward Asline.
Mdse., pkgs., 2
Wentworth Edward,
Mdse., pkgs., 1
W. U. Telegraph Co.
Mdse., pkgs., 2
Wetzler M.
Mdse., pkgs., 2

Steel.
Brown W.
Bundles, 157
Cases, 3
Wolff R. H. & Co.
Bundles, 152
Wolff, W. O.
Bundles, 62
Cases, 12
Order, 1
Cases, 17
Casks, 5

Metals.
Agostini Jos.
Old copper, bxs., 5
Baring Bros. & Co.
Tin, slabs, 2464
Bruce & Cook
Tin plates, bxs., 38
Meyer Moritz
Lead, bars, 4307
Middleton Bros.
Yellow metal, bxs., 2
Yellow metal, gouging, bxs., 2
Naylor & Co.
Tin plates, bxs., 2673
Phelps, Dodge & Co.
Tin plates, bxs., 839
Pratt Chase & Co.
Tin plates, bxs., 1470
Order, 1
Silv. ore, seroons, 12
Tin plates, bxs., 20,
548
Tin, slabs, 2694

EXPORTS

Of Hardware, Iron, Machinery, Metals, &c., from the Port of New York, for the Week ending April 29, 1879:

Danish West Indies.
Quan. V'lme.
Pthm., gals. 960 \$124
Sew. mach., cs. 2 36
Tacks, cs. 10 75
Notions, cs. 18 235
Glassw're, pgs. 19 219
Nails, kegs. 60 100
Hdw., cs. 30 264
Cartridges, cs. 2 128

Antwerp.
Quan. V'lme.
Pthm., gals. 2 160
Lub. iron, pkgs. 23 450
Pthm., gals. 520,323
Ag. imp., pkgs. 64 5787
Sew. mach., cs. 3 703
I. rollers, cs. 3 703
Hdw., cs. 18 4,993
Pth'd ware, cs. 4 455
Splter, slabs, 2,689 8,000
Belting, cs. 7 1,767
Pthm., gals. 37,406
Gas fixt., pgs. 3 77
Pumps, pkgs. 6 250
Packing, pkgs. 14 660

Dutch West Indies.
Pthm., gals. 46,109 19,074
Pthm., gals. 123,107 17,229

Christiansand.
Pthm., gals. 44,447 10,397

Rostock.
Pthm., gals. 109,190 67,004

Peru.
Hdw., pkgs. 93 2,265
Nails, kegs. 82 264
Sew. mach., cs. 388 5,107
Mach'y, pkgs. 44,001 10,210
R.R. m'ts., pgs. 240 1,756
Zinc, cs. 10 178
Cutlery, pkgs. 39 221
Nails, kegs. 25 120
Hdw., cs. 103 1,453
Mf. iron, pkgs. 17 250
Glassware, cs. 4 90
Wire g'ds., pgs. 18 86
Pth'd ware, cs. 6 695
Revolvers, cs. 1 53

Bremen.
Hdw., cs. 9 302
Glassware, cs. 9 128
Belting, cs. 2 224
Pthm., gals. 1,043,647 99,935

Rotterdam.
Sew. mach., cs. 4 114
Hdware, cs. 4 103
Pthm., gals. 1,287 159
Nails, kegs. 25 120
Hdw., cs. 103 1,453
Mf. iron, pkgs. 17 250
Glassware, cs. 4 90
Wire g'ds., pgs. 18 86
Pth'd ware, cs. 6 695
Trucks, cs. 5 133

Danzig.
Pthm., gals. 18,069 18,000

Hull.
Hdw., cs. 2 73
Mach'y, cs. 1 50
Ag. imp., pkgs. 210 12,640

Liverpool.
Sew. mach., cs. 21,000
Lub. oil, gals. 1,639 16,410
Slates, cs. 15 191
Ag. imp., pkgs. 20 1,000
Pumps, pkgs. 14 881
Clocks, bxs., 14 339
Car w'ls., pgs. 24 430
Copper, cks., 90 16,875
Gas burn., cs. 3 100
Hdw., cs. 51 1,335

Argentina.
Pthm., gals. 23,584 21,000
Lub. oil, gals. 1,639 16,410
Slates, cs. 15 191
Ag. imp., pkgs. 20 1,000
Pumps, pkgs. 14 881
Clocks, bxs., 14 339
Car w'ls., pgs. 24 430
Copper, cks., 90 16,875
Gas burn., cs. 3 100
Hdw., cs. 51 1,335

Cardif.
Hdw., cs. 7 168

Bristol.
Cop. ore, tons 23 5,150

Tyne Dock.
Lub. oil, bbls. 25 100

Gibraltar.
Mach'y, case. 20 100
Pthm., gals. 2,000 27,515
Pthm., gals. 12,000 17,990

London.
Hdw., cs. 67 2,384
Sew. mach., cs. 36 7,185
Copper, bbls. 200 900
Slates, cs. 25 125
Ox. zinc, bbls. 100 900
Mach'y, cs. 31 2,172
Mf. iron, pkgs. 8 111
Ag. imp., pkgs. 259 3,356
Gas g'ds., pgs. 1 508
Lea. b'g. bxs. 3 1,365
Pth'd ware, cs. 2 225

Glasgow.
Sew. mach., cs. 20 5,224
Bird cages, cs. 5 145
Hdw., cs. 11 150
Belting, cs. 2 1,187
Lub. oil, gals. 2,644 2,786
Car wheels, 45 249
Clocks, bxs., 14 339
Copper, cks., 8 111
Gas burn., cs. 3 100
Hdw., cs. 51 1,335

Bordeaux.
Pthm., gals. 222,316 19,035

British West Indies.
Pthm., gals. 13,711 1,674
Hdw., pkgs. 38 998
Sew. mach., cs. 45 1,532
Mf. iron, pkgs. 28 323
Metal g'ds., cs. 1 508
Glassware, cs. 20 30
Belting, cs. 2 484

Porto Rico.
Pthm., gals. 9,226 1,097
Nails, kegs. 38 974
Sew. mach., cs. 8 233
Hdw., cs. 11 111
Cutlery, cs. 2 25
Mach'y, cs. 5 100
Nails, kegs. 6 365
Hdw., pkgs. 21 2,375

Seville.
Pthm., gals. 5,000 5,000
Linen, pkgs. 44 105

Lisbon.
Slates, cs. 30 1,230
Pthm., gals. 5,000 5,000
Cartridges, cs. 4 125

Genoa.
Sew. mach., cs. 19 960
Hdw., cs. 21 2,250
Gas g'ds., pgs. 48 376
Mf. iron, pkgs. 301 4,073
Steel. Tyre, cs. 6 305

Salonica.
Hdw., cs. 225 Petm., gals. 132,000 14,974

COAL.
The cold weather which has prevailed during the month of April has made trade during the month exceptionally good, especially in the retail trade in this city. Some dealers report greater sales this month than during any time for the past year. During the week the amount of Coal sold by the wholesale dealers has been rather small, a circumstance to be expected, as trade is usually light just before an auction sale. The manufacturers, however, have been purchasing freely, and we hear of several dealers who are sold for some little time ahead. The scarcity of vessels still continues, and is likely to be felt for some time to come, to the great advantage of owners and captains. It would seem that there is actually a scarcity of vessels in the coasting trade, and consequently the Coal freights are high. The auction sale, which

took place yesterday, had no special feature worthy of remark. Prices continued their gradual decline, as shown by the figures which we give below. That "the bottom" cannot be far away, is shown by the very slight decline. If it were not for the known fact of a Coal war and also that a good deal of Coal is forced upon the market, it is doubtful whether there would be any further decline. Manufacturers are buying largely, and we think the greatest part of the Coal now coming to the market goes into their hands. Under the class of manufacturers of course we include all large consumers, like steamboat and steamship companies, as distinct from the dealers in Coal. In this city the yards as a general thing appear to be rather bare of Coal. Dealers here are apparently over eager to buy when Coal is at its very lowest point. Doubtless many of them will be disappointed, and will replenish their stocks upon a rising instead of a falling market.

Mr. Saward furnishes us with the following averages of the Scranton auction sale, which took place at noon to-day:

Quan. Value.
Pthm., gals. 1,250 \$125
Sew. mach., cs. 232 4,420
Cads.
Sew. mach., cs. 1 615
Cartridges, cs. 26 615
Hdw., cs. 67 1,063
Notions, cs. 14 919
Mf. iron, pkgs. 6 52

United States of Colombia.
Sew. mach., cs. 232 4,420
Belting, pkgs. 4 774
Nails, kegs. 13 57
Gas g'ds., pgs. 347
Cutlery, pkgs. 22 1,063
Hose, c'g're, bxs. 4 420
Zinc, pkgs. 5 125
Rifles, cs. 4 919
Notions, cs. 14 919
Iron, pkgs. 185 402
Cop. iron, pkgs. 85 185
Splter, slabs, 2,689 8,000
Belting, cs. 7 1,767
Pthm., gals. 37,406 1,000
Gas fixt., pgs. 3 77
Mt. iron, pkgs. 330 1,666
Pth'd ware, cs. 13 1,590
Revolvers, cs. 6 300
Steel, pkgs. 42 171
Lead, rolls. 2 125
Arms, cs. 153 35,100

The following table gives the averages for all the sales during the present year:

Average.
Steamer, Grate, Egg, Stove, Chest.
April 9, 1879. \$2.00 1/4 \$2.06 1/4 \$2.48 1/4 \$2.27 1/4
May 26, 1879. 2.17 1/2 2.19 1/2 2.15 1/2 2.34
Mar. 12, 1879. 2.17 1/2 2.25 2.05 2.05
Feb. 18, 1879. 2.25 2.25 2.05 2.25
Jan. 29, 1879. 2.35 2.35 2.25 2.35

Taken altogether, the decline is very slight, and many of the companies and dealers here have not found it necessary to alter their prices—the Lehigh prices, for example, remaining the same as heretofore. The Pennsylvania Coal Company, however, have issued a circular a few cents below that which was issued after the last sale. Upon the whole, the market may be said to be unchanged, but with a brisk demand.

OLD METALS, PAPER STOCK, &c.

A downward tendency still prevails in the Old Metal market this week. With the exception of Wrought Iron, Stove Plate and Machinery Plate, which have advanced slightly, we note a general weakening of stock. The Rag and Paper Stock market is, if anything, less active than at our last review, although prices remain unchanged.

The purchasing prices offered by dealers for Old Metals are as follows:

Copper, heavy, per lb. \$0.12 1/2
Copper, bottoms, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Yellow Metal, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Brass, heavy, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Brass, light, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Composition, heavy, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Lead, solid, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Tea Lead, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Zinc, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Pewter, No. 1, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Pewter, No. 2, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Pewter, No. 3, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Light do., 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Stove Plate, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Machinery do., 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Grate Bars, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2

The prices current for Rags, &c., are as follows:

Canvas, Linen, per lb. \$0.12 1/2
White Cotton, New, No. 2, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
White, No. 1, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
" No. 2, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Seconds, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Mixed, Woolen, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Soft, do., 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Pewter, No. 1, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Pewter, No. 2, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Pewter, No. 3, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Light do., 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Stove Plate, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Composition, heavy, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Lead, solid, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Tea Lead, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
New Zinc Clippings, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Old Scrap Zinc, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Old Battery Zinc, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Plumbers' Lead Joints, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Pewter, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
No. 2 Pewter, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Pewter, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Red Brass Turnings, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Old Brass Turnings, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Solder Dross, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Lead Dross, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2
Stereotype or Electrotype Plates, 1/2 lb. \$0.12 1/2

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valley mills, the price asked there being considerably less than that demanded by Pittsburgh mills. The contract in question is said to call for 5000 tons. There is a very fair demand for Sheet and Bars, which has been stimulated somewhat by the recent reduction in rail freights, our manufacturers being enabled to reach points from which they were shut out before. With a reasonable reduction in the cost of skilled labor, however, the trade of Pittsburgh would be largely increased, and we are satisfied that the Iron workers would make more money in the long run, as they would be afforded steady employment, and not be obliged, as many of them are, to be out of work half the time. Prices may be still quoted upon a basis of 1.70¢ @ 1.75¢, 60 days, for merchant Bars, with the usual discount of 2 per cent. for cash.

Nails.—The Nail market, so far as Pittsburgh is concerned, continues in the same demoralized condition noted from time to time all this year, and, what is still worse, there is not much prospect of any immediate change for the better. There is plenty of inquiry, and our manufacturers, if they were to accept current rates, could soon fill their books with orders, but they are refusing to meet competition, and the result is that business is almost at a stand. Some few of our factories are running about half time, with a view merely to holding part of their trade, while others are doing nothing. The trade is still reported quite active at Wheeling; most of the factories there are in operation, but as the cost of production is no cheaper there than here, it is evident that the Wheeling manufacturers are making no money; indeed, so far as we know, they do not pretend that current rates afford them any margin for profit, and it looks very much as if they expect to "freeze out" some of their competitors here, and at other points both East and West. The price at Wheeling is \$1.90, 60 days, with 2% off for cash. In Pittsburgh there is no established price.

Horse and Mule Shoes.—Are still quoted at 3 1/4¢ and 4 1/4¢ in 100-kg lots, with special rates for larger lots.

Railroad Spikes.—There is no abatement in the demand, and no change in prices, 2 1/4¢ 30 days.

Wrought Iron Pipe.—There is an increasing business, but the market is in a demoralized condition, as prices, in addition to being irregular, have been cut to such an extent that there is very little margin for profit. Discount on Gas, Water and Steam Pipe, 6 1/2% @ 7%; Boiler Tubes, 47 1/2% @ 50%; Oil Well Casing, 70% @ 75%; net; do. Tubing, 18% @ 20%. A typographical error in last week's report, made the discount on Boiler Tubes 47 1/2% @ 70%. It should have been as quoted above.

Steel.—There is no apparent abatement in the demand; the mills are all busy and prices are firm, although unchanged, and the prospect is favorable for a good summer trade. Tool Steel, 10¢ @ 12¢; Machinery Steel, 5¢ @ 7¢; Boiler Plate, 6 1/2¢ @ 7 1/2¢.

Rails.—Steel Rails are still quoted firm at \$44, cash, delivered on cars in Pittsburgh. The Edgar Thomson Co. is sold up until October. Old Iron Rails quoted steady at \$22 @ \$23 on spot, but owing to increased offerings the market is weak for forward deliveries. Old Steel Rails quoted at \$25 @ \$26.

Scrap.—There is a continued fair business, but no change in prices since our last of any consequence. One of our dealers, C. Kane, reports sales of 500 tons of Scrap Iron and Steel together. We quote: No. 1 Wrought Scrap, \$22 @ \$23, net; Wrought Turnings, \$14 @ \$15; Car Axles, 1.35¢ @ 1.40¢ lb; Car Springs, 1 1/2¢; Boiler Iron, 1.10¢ @ 1.15¢; Old Car Wheels, \$20 @ \$20.50, gross; Old Castings, \$14.50 @ \$15; Cast Borings, \$10.50 @ \$11.

Window Glass.—The discount here in Pittsburgh has been reduced from 75 and 10 to 75 and 5 per cent. on car-load lots, and the same rate has been adopted by all manufacturers throughout the West. There is a continued fair demand, our manufacturers generally are well supplied with orders, and the prospect is considered favorable for a good spring and summer trade. Manufacturers say that in justice to themselves the discount should be reduced to 75% straight. The shipments both by river and rail have been quite large this spring, which may be attributed in part to cheap freights.

Coke.—As stated in our last report, the striking miners in the Connellsburg, Co. region have wisely abandoned the attempt to coerce the Coke operators to pay them an advance, and, having returned to work, nearly if not all the ovens are in operation again, and matters, so far as regards this important interest, are looking much better. Coke manufacturers fully realized that to increase the cost of production was simply suicidal, as it would undoubtedly have resulted in a large falling off in the consumption; hence their determination to resist the demands of the miners. There is no apparent falling off in the demand as yet, although the future depends largely upon the Pig Iron, as the Pig Iron furnaces are among the largest consumers of Coke. Prices are still quoted at \$1.15 @ \$1.25 per ton, delivered free on cars at Connellsburg.

Coal.—The miners in the Monongahela and Youghiogheny valleys are generally at work, and the production is quite large; the water for the first time since the opening of navigation is now too low for running coal to the down-river markets, but there will no doubt be a rise within the next few weeks.

Petroleum.—The market for the raw article continues weak and depressed, and prices are lower now than they have been for five years; nor is it to be wondered at in view of the heavy production and unprecedented visible supply. If the bill now pending in the Legislature, requiring a license to be taken out for every new well started, becomes a law, the market will no doubt stiffen, as the effect of the same would be to curtail development. The export demand for Refined continues light, and prices are very low; it is probable, however, that the export trade will soon open up actively.

CHATTANOOGA.

Office of The Iron Age, Market and 8th Sts.,
CHATTANOOGA, April 25, 1879.

General business continues slow, and rather depressed. Manufacturing business shows no sign of slackening, and proprietors are hopeful of the future, and have no special difficulty in meeting demands on them by the raw material and labor markets. Spring has at length arrived in earnest. The weather during the week has been hot and dry, the thermometer reaching 80 degrees at mid-day as a rule, and seldom sinking below 55 degrees during the 24 hours. Rain is beginning to be needed badly. Crops of all kinds, excepting fruit, which was pretty thoroughly killed by late frosts, look just fair.

Pig Iron.—The movement shows no signs of brightening up, though there has been no appreciable concessions made to sell. Best grades of Foundry are still scarce. Coke Irons—No. 1 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.50; No. 2, \$16 @ \$17; Gray Forge, \$14 @ \$15. White and Mottled, \$12 @ \$13. Hot-Blast Charcoal—No. 1 Foundry, extra, \$20 @ \$21; ditto, \$18 @ \$20; No. 2 Foundry, \$16 @ \$18; Gray Forge, \$16 @ \$18; White and Mottled, \$15. Cold Blast Charcoal—Car Wheel Metal, \$22.50 @ \$27.50; do., Extra Standard, \$24 @ \$29.50; Forge, \$17 @ \$22.

Muck Bar.—\$27 @ \$34. Old Rails, \$18 @ \$18.50. Old Car Wheels, \$18. Wrought Scrap, \$17 @ \$19.

Ores.—Brown Hematite, 50 to 55%; per ton, \$1.75 @ \$2.25. Red Fossiliferous, 50 @ 56%; per ton, \$1.20 @ \$1.60. The above prices for ores delivered in Chattanooga on cars, or on the wharf from flat boats.

Nails.—There is no improvement to note. The demand is fair, but not pressing. The mills are now selling pretty briskly in Nashville a shade below Western Associated Mills' prices. We continue to quote at \$2.25 rates; usual discount on job lots.

Manufactured Iron.—Manufacturers say this is their especial dull season, but we suppose that this season is when trade is slow, regardless of the time of year. Orders are in fair volume, business being better during the month than it was in corresponding month of 1878. We quote: Bars, 2¢; Railroad Spikes, 2.50¢; Light Rail, 2.25¢; Track Bolts, 3¢; Trestle Bolts, 4¢.

Coke.—We quote 11¢ @ 15¢ per bushel for washed foundry. Furnace full supply at \$2 per ton, free on cars at Chattanooga or South Pittsburgh.

Coal.—There is no change in the market nor in prices. We quote run of mine, free on cars in Chattanooga, at \$1.25 @ \$1.75. Lump, as per quality, 10¢ @ 12¢ per bushel. Lump, as per quality, 10¢ @ 12¢ per bushel.

Pig Lead.—4¢; Ingot Copper, 18¢. **Iron Rails.**—We quote at \$35 per ton.

CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND, April 26, 1879.

Iron Ore.—The Ore companies controlling the Bessemer qualities of Lake Superior Ore, report their products about sold up. The advance over last year's prices has been maintained in every instance. The Republic Company, which have obtained the highest prices, advertise to have sold over 100,000 tons, and do not care at present to increase their obligations for delivery of a larger amount. Among the other heavy producers, the following are virtually out of the field now, having placed all they can safely promise for the season: Lake Superior, Champion, Barnum, McComber, Michigamme, Winthrop, Salisbury, Jackson, besides all the mines of the Menominee range, including the Quinnseac, Vulcan, Cyclops, Norway, &c. The new National Mine has also sold the most of its probable product. This leaves the Cleveland and New York mines, which do not profess to yield standard Bessemer Ores, but which are in other respects of first-class quality, yet to be marketed. These companies have only lately commenced to market their Ores, and it is probable that they will have ready sale. The navigation of the lower lakes being now declared open, it is but a question of a few days when the new Ores will begin to arrive, and they come none too soon to relieve the present scarcity. For the first time in several years the railroad companies' wharves are clear of the old stocks of Ore.

Pig Iron.—There is a better inquiry for most of the grades of Pig Metal. Strong foundry Irons are in active demand, and the supply is very short. Better prices are asked and obtained. The ordinary grades of soft Iron are also more active and the bulk of business is large. Mill Irons continue dull, depressed by the low prices prevailing in all branches of manufactured Iron.

Bar Iron and Nails.—The trade is active, and there is still a large volume of business, but competition is sharp and prices reduced to a ruinously low standard.

Scrap.—All kinds of Scrap are duller, with a weakening outlook.

ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 26, 1879.

Pig Iron.—Is unchanged in price and movement, and the immediate future promises very little excepting a reasonably good business at about present figures. Old Rails are selling at from \$20 @ \$20.50. Old Wheels, \$20. We quote Pig Iron:

CHARCOAL HOT BLAST.

Missouri..... \$19.50 @ 20.00
Southern..... 18.50 @ 19.50
Hanging Rock..... 21.00 @ 22.00

COKE AND COAL.

Missouri..... None offering
Southern, No. 1..... 18.50 @ 19.50
Ohio River, No. 1..... 19.00 @ 20.00
Jackson County, No. 1..... 19.00 @ 20.00
Hocking Valley, No. 1..... 19.00 @ 20.00
Anthracite..... 20.50 @ 21.00

COLD BLAST.

Missouri..... 25.00 @ 26.00
Southern..... 25.00 @ 30.00
Ohio..... 30.00 @ 32.00

IRON ORE.

Iron Mountain..... 5.50 @ ...
Southwest..... 4.75 @ ...
Ore for fix..... 6.50 @ ...

BOSTON.

APRIL 25.—Pig continues fairly active, and we leave our quotations unchanged. Manufactured iron is in moderate demand. Sheet Iron sell at 2 1/2¢ @ 3 1/2¢ for Common, and Russia Sheet sells at 11¢ @ 12¢. Nails at 10¢ @ 16 1/2¢ for Lake. For manufacturers New Sheathing at 22¢; Braziers, 24¢ @ 26¢; Yellow Metal Sheathing sells at 12 1/2¢ @ 13¢ for English, and 14¢ @ 16¢ for American. Lead has again declined, and is now selling at 3 1/2¢. For smaller lots, from store, we quote: Pig, 3 1/2¢ @ 3 1/4¢; Sheet, 5 1/2¢ @ 2.25¢; Tin-Lined Pipe, 12¢; Bar Lead 6¢ all of these excepting Pig are subject to the usual trade, or 10% discount. Antimony is still in light demand, but steady, and we quote 12 1/2¢ @ 13¢. Spelter continues dull, being held at 5¢ for the various grades. Tin remains firm, and Straits in large lots can be bought for 15¢. Refined English is scarce and high. For smaller lots we quote below. We quote: Straits, 15 1/2¢ @ 15 1/4¢; Banca, 18 1/2¢ @ 19¢; English, L. & F., 15 1/2¢ @ 16¢. We quote Plate: Charcoal, I. C., \$6.50 @ \$7; Coke, 5¢; Tin-Lined Pipe, 12¢; Bar Lead 6¢ all of these excepting Pig are subject to the usual trade, or 10% discount. Antimony is still in light demand, but steady, and we quote 12 1/2¢ @ 13¢. Spelter continues dull, being held at 5¢ for the various grades. Tin remains firm, and Straits in large lots can be bought for 15¢. Refined English is scarce and high. For smaller lots we quote below. We quote: Pig, 3 1/2¢ @ 3 1/4¢; Sheet, 5 1/2¢ @ 2.25¢; Tin-Lined Pipe, 12¢; Bar Lead 6¢ all of these excepting Pig are subject to the usual trade, or 10% discount. Antimony is still in light demand, but steady, and we quote 12 1/2¢ @ 13¢. Spelter continues dull, being held at 5¢ for the various grades. Tin remains firm, and Straits in large lots can be bought for 15¢. Refined English is scarce and high. For smaller lots we quote below. 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turnover, chiefly in best and worst qualities. Of the former a large proportion is going to the United States, especially table cutlery with Joseph Rogers & Son's brand. That noted firm sent last week no fewer than 600 dozens of one particular make of knife to your side. Good spring knives, such as Gee, Wostenholm's and Brookes & Crooke's, are also selling with moderate freedom.

THE DURHAM STRIKE

is a most serious matter for the North of England, where a number of furnaces have been damped down in consequence of the dispute. The men censure the masters for their alleged refusal to abide by arbitration, while the employers on their side urge that they are in urgent need of the full terms of the reduction, in order that they may be enabled to keep their pits open at all. Over 30,000 miners alone are now on a strike.

STAFFORDSHIRE AND BIRMINGHAM
are quiet. To the iron trade I have already alluded. As regards hardware and the miscellaneous products of the 'Brum' district there is little news. Many of the best houses in each department are tolerably well engaged, some being quite fully employed, but in no given instance is there any real activity. Harness and saddlery are selling particularly well, while for season goods, such as toilet sets, baths, traveling trunks, &c., the sale is pretty nearly up to the average of recent times.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE
are rather more hopeful. Last week's exports included 1150 tons of rails to Hummelzien, and 300 tons to Gothenburg from Rhymeyn; 300 tons of rails for Gothenburg by the Abardare and Plymouth Co.; 960 tons of rails to Smyrna from Llynni; 430 tons of bars to Valencia from Ebbw Vale; 110 tons bars for Malta from Dowlais; 30 tons bars to Syria and 48 tons to Smyrna from Dowlais. At Newport a vessel has been loaded with rails for Australia, and others are chartered for cargoes of the same kind for Montreal.

THE TIN PLATE MANUFACTURERS
held their quarterly meeting at Gloucester on Wednesday last, with a very full attendance. The resolution passed at the last meeting as to the size of different kinds of plates was rescinded, so far as charcoals were concerned, leaving the rates then declared for cakes only. The resolution passed that in future the price quoted in Liverpool should be delivered on the quay, or alongside ship, but that all dues should be paid by the exporter, was confirmed. A hopeful view of business was taken, and most of the makers were stated to be fully supplied with orders for some time to come.

THE METAL MARKETS

have not been changed to any material extent, and there is now very little doing owing to the Easter holidays. The Ironmonger reports as follows: "Copper during the week has continued steady and firm. Good ordinary brands Chil bars are quoted at from £57. 5/- @ £57. 10/-; Wallaroo, £65; Burra, £63. 10/- @ £63; English tough, £63 @ £63. 10/-; selected, £64 @ £65, and strong sheets, £68. Australian remains unchanged at last week's quotations. On Thursday 410 tons of Cape ore were sold by tender at about 11 1/2 per unit for 31 1/4 per cent. produce. Tin is steady, fine foreign selling at from £69 @ £69. 5/- on the spot, and for arrival business was done at £68. 10/-; English ingots have sold at £69 and £70. The imports during the week have been 1444 ingots from Brisbane and 12,667 ingots from Sydney. Tin Plates have not materially changed in price, although a struggle is taking place between buyers and purchasers with respect to prices, makers asserting that they will still further reduce the make rather than lower prices. The shipments from Liverpool last month were 215,970 boxes. Lead has been dull, at from £14. 15/- @ £14. 17/6 for English pig, and at £14. 10/- for soft Spanish, without silver. Spelter remains at from £15 @ £15. 5/- for ordinary brands. Quicksilver at £6. 2/6 per bottle, and Antimony at from £46. 10/- @ £47. 10/-. At the fortnightly sale of Zinc on Thursday, 55 tons were sold at £18. 15/- per ton."

FOREIGN.

FRANCE.

(Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels.)

PARIS, April 13, 1879.—Metals.—The weather has become stormy again and business is less brisk. Copper has declined a franc. We quote: Chili Bars, 150.50 francs; 100 lbs. of the best brands, 141.50; common ditto; Ingots and Slabs, 154; Best selected, 157; and pure Corocoro Ore, 154. Havre is nominal; they quote first brands Chili Bars, 148.75 @ 150; and good current Urmentas and Lots, 145.50 @ 147.50. Marseilles remains firm; they quote small Refined Ingots, 165; Sheathing, 190; Sheet Copper, 185; Bolts, 190, and Yellow Metal Sheathing, 175. Tin continues to show great demand. Price has risen to 2.50 francs. Straits and Australian 5, and English, 1.95. We quote here at Havre as follows: Banca, 195; Billiton, 192.50; Straits and Australian, 187, and English at Rouen, 180. Havre is firm, with the exception of English; the same may be said of Marseilles, where they quote as follows: Banca, 185; Straits and French, 180, and English, 182. Lead.—There is less demand, and a decline of 1 franc. We quote: Lead, 100; and English, 97 @ 105. Marseilles has risen 1 franc. Sheet Zinc there, 54 @ 55; Old Remelted, 30. Iron.—Dealers in Iron at Paris willingly submit to the new conditions laid down by makers. Merchant Iron is now quoted 165 francs. Iron for flooring is still 150 francs, but was up an upward movement may soon be made as much. Merchant Iron, Colombe, is weak and without anything done after a decline of 1.60 francs. They quote: Argentiferous, 37; First Fusion Soft, 35.50 @ 36; Second ditto, 34; Antimonious, 34, and Manufactured, 40. Spelter.—There is less demand, and a decline of 1 franc. We quote to-day Silesian bars and at Havre as follows: Bars, 41.50 and Sheet Zinc, 60. Havre is steady at 41.50 @ 42. Marseilles has risen 1 franc. Sheet Zinc there, 54 @ 55; Old Remelted, 30. Iron.—Dealers in Iron at Paris willingly submit to the new conditions laid down by makers. Merchant Iron is now quoted 165 francs. 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The Treatment of Iron Surfaces by the Barff Process.

The reference to the Barff and other processes for the treatment of cast-iron surfaces, in the address of Mr. Bayles, before the National Association of Stove Manufacturers at Rochester last winter, on "Taste and Art in Stove Ornamentation," have attracted much attention among stove founders, and brought us a great deal of correspondence, mostly letters of inquiry, asking for details of the apparatus employed. For this reason we give place to an abstract of a paper lately read by Prof. Barff before the Society of Arts, in which some information is given additional to that already published. It will be remembered that the Barff process consists in producing a skin of black magnetic oxide on the surface of the iron, by submitting it to the action of superheated steam in a tight chamber of special construction.

No one, says Prof. Barff, who has a right knowledge of the properties of magnetic oxide of iron formed on the surface of the iron by the action of the superheated steam, could doubt its power to resist atmospheric influences, and even the action of sea water; but the doubt that did exist in the minds of many was whether it could be produced artificially on iron, so as to keep its place and enable the iron beneath it to resist their action as well; or, rather, I should say, whether its adherence to the iron was so complete and perfect as to protect it from them. It has been objected that the process might be of use for small articles, pots, pans, &c., but that it could not be applied to large articles, and, even if it could, it would so materially weaken the iron that dependence could not be placed on its strength; in fact, if I remember rightly, a solemn warning was given to persons not to trust to it. Now, that the process is only applicable to pots, pans, &c., the articles before you will disprove. A year and a half ago I had a chamber built of fire-brick, and that has been in use ever since. In it articles 6 feet long have been treated; and if the chamber were 12 feet long, or 20, articles of such lengths could be treated as well as those which you see before you. As to the action on the strength of the iron, bars treated have been tested for breaking and tensile strain, and the result is that the strength of the iron is not affected, and the persons who tested them assert that they would not hesitate to use the process because of any injurious effect which it has on the strength of iron.

In the earlier experiments performed at my laboratory at Kilburn, it was often found that the coating of black oxide scaled off wrought-iron articles. This is never the case now. This scaling resulted from an insufficient and irregular supply of steam to the muffle during the operation, whereby air was not excluded, but was often forced in from the want of a sufficient pressure of water on the superheating pipes. Air must be completely excluded from the oxidizing chamber, because, if the oxidation of the iron depend, during any part of the process, on the oxygen in the air, such oxide formed will not adhere to the iron properly. This I have proved by submitting iron to oxidation by dry air, and in every case wrought iron has, when so treated, lost its coating, which has flaked off in scales; and in the case of cast iron, the oxide on exposure comes off in a very short time, and, therefore, does not provide perfect protection to the iron. If, however, the air forced into the chamber be moist, the same result occurs with wrought iron, but with cast iron the coating formed does adhere for a time, and the length of its adherence is proportionate to the quantity of moisture present in the air. If the air be forced into the ordinary chamber from a vessel in which it is in contact with water, and if the temperature of the room in which this vessel is be high, as in such case it must be, the quantity of moisture converted into steam, when at the temperature of the iron to be oxidized, will be great, in fact, enough to oxidize the iron, for very little steam is required to oxidize a great weight of iron; but then the oxygen of the air will take part in the action, and wherever the iron is oxidized by the oxygen of the air its adherence will not be complete, and though by being mingled with the other oxide it may have a certain amount of stability, yet in a short time it will come off. I exhibit two specimens in illustration of this, one of cast, the other of wrought iron, both of which have been exposed in the open for some time; the piece of cast iron did not rust for some time after it was exposed, but the wrought iron flaked and rusted at once. It appears, therefore, to be absolutely necessary, to secure a good result, that air must be completely excluded from the oxidizing chamber.*

For a long time I experienced considerable trouble from the appearance of small spots of rust on articles otherwise well coated, which were immersed in water. The spots of rust appeared to increase in size, but on examination it was found, after washing off the rust, which could be easily removed, that it originated from small openings in the coating of black oxide. It required a magnifying glass to see these openings; the rust did not spread by more of the iron surface rusting, but because the rust formed in these minute cracks was carried out by the water in which the articles were, and was therefore diffused about. Such rusting has no effect on the strength of the iron, and after a few cleanings it ceases altogether. However, I felt that it was very necessary to prevent it, and that led me to seek carefully for its cause. When iron is heated it expands; when cooled, it contracts. If iron be heated in an oxidizing chamber it expands; its pores, so to speak, open. If a jet of superheated steam be admitted at temperature lower than that of the iron in the chamber, the iron will contract, and then will decompose the steam; of course it must be at a sufficiently high temperature to do so. Now, the iron will gradually get hotter, and will expand again, and the first thin coating of black oxide will be in part cracked, and as the oxide goes on forming it will in part cover and fill up these cracks, but I think—in fact, I am sure—that

* This claim is contradicted, at least as regards cast iron, by Mr. George Bower, who states that he has succeeded in regularly coating cast iron at a cost of \$2 per ton.—*Ed. M. W.*

it does not do so perfectly, and hence some of them remain, the iron at the bottom of them being coated with but a very thin film of oxide. Reasoning in this way, I came to the conclusion that no contraction must be allowed to take place in the iron after the oxidizing action had commenced, and to secure this the ordinary chamber is always kept at a much lower temperature than the superheater; and now it is never allowed to rise above 500° or 600° F. before the superheated steam is admitted, and the steam is never allowed to pass in at a temperature less than 1000 degrees. This for a long time has been our invariable plan of work, and in no case whatever have we experienced any failure as long as the apparatus was sound.

It has always been my opinion that the best way of forming the black oxide on iron is to conduct the process by means of superheated steam alone, because the steam, being the source of heat to the iron, raises its temperature to that at which it can decompose steam, so that oxidation commences immediately the iron is hot enough. When the iron is heated in the chamber, before the steam is allowed to act upon it, there is always danger of air getting into the chamber and forming film of oxide before the steam gets to work, and this is a thing to be avoided. I have only been able to experiment with superheated steam alone on a small scale, and the large chamber has fine up its side which would conduct off the heat if it were attempted to raise its temperature by superheated steam alone. I may be here misunderstood. The flues at the sides of the chamber would cause cold air to circulate round it, and the heat from the superheated steam would thus be conveyed away. The experiment I did perform was with an iron muffle, similar to that which was used in the early experiments. This was surrounded with fire-clay, to act as a non-conductor of heat. Steam, at 1500° F., was interjected into it for a short time, and then the articles to be treated were put inside it, and the steam was again let in. In a short time the muffle and its contents became red hot, and, after a few hours, were found to be well coated with black oxide. This artificially formed black oxide gives great hardness to the surface of the iron when the coating is sufficiently thick, when it is even less than one-sixteenth of an inch. It will for a long time resist a rasp and will remove pieces of steel from it. Substances which adhere to iron, zinc and enamel, will not adhere to it. I had water evaporated in an oxidized pan for six weeks; the water never boiled, but was slowly evaporated. The deposit was removed with a duster; it did not stick to the iron. This is a matter of great importance to boilers, and for pipes through which water is to be conveyed.

Now, articles coated can be submitted to a high temperature, even a red heat, without the coating being injured or disturbed. At present I fear that iron wire cannot be treated successfully; the wire can be treated and will not rust, but it cannot be bent to a sharp curve without the coating coming off. I show a specimen to prove that the wire, when not bent, does not rust, and that articles made of wire can be made non-rustable provided they are not stretched beyond a certain point. Riveted iron plates can be most successfully treated; the process tightens the rivets and assists the calking; the plates before you show this. I have not solved the question of riveting plates after treatment, but I am sanguine that I shall be able to do so. Weights are treated for the government, and submitted by Mr. Chaney to tests, and the process is now recommended by that department for the standard weights throughout the country. I also exhibit two specimens, one of oxidized and the other of common iron, on which gold leaf has been put in the ordinary way, with oil gold size, and I think they illustrate well that even where it is desired to paint or gild iron to be placed in exposed situations, it is very desirable to have it first treated by my process; both the specimens have been out of doors for two months, exposed to rain and snow; for some days they were completely buried in snow.

I regret to say, gentlemen, that I cannot speak very definitely as to the cost of the process. I do not wish to delude any one by a statement that it can be done for so much per ton. It is simply impossible to do this, as you will see. Hollow goods, such as saucepans, &c., will take up a much larger space per ton than a ton of 56-pound weights, and this shows how fallacious any general statement on this head must be. My experiments have not been conducted with special regard to economy, but to efficiency, and having settled this point, economy must now be inquired into. This is rather the work of the manufacturer than mine; but this much I can say for your guidance, that, even with my means, the cost for light articles does not exceed that of galvanizing. My experience tells me that different kinds of cast iron behave differently under treatment. Some kinds require longer exposure to the action of the superheated steam than others. Why this I cannot as yet find out.

I have not yet met with any sample of cast iron which could not be properly treated. Wrought iron requires a somewhat different treatment. A lower temperature (about 900° F.) suits it best, and steel also. It is not well to expose articles very different in bulk at the same time. All that are put into the muffle should be pretty nearly equal in bulk. I mean that very heavy articles, such as 56-pound weights, should not be treated with, say, gutter spouts. Cast and wrought iron should not be treated together; but all these are matters which a little experience will regulate perfectly. Sometimes the sand from the mold adheres to cast iron. This is often the case inside pipes. It is of no moment, for the sand itself gets so firmly fixed on the coating of black oxide that it assists in protecting the iron. I have proved this by several experiments. In clearing off the rust from iron before it is submitted to the action of superheated steam, the usual method is employed. It is immersed in dilute oil of vitriol, and after washing, is put into some bran water. This last operation is to remove any basic sulphate of iron from the surface. If this basic sulphate is not completely taken away when the iron is heated, it is reduced, and red oxide of iron is left on the surface, which

has the color of the red oxide used for paints, and you will see some articles so colored before you. This red oxide does not prevent the formation of the black oxide beneath it, and does not interfere with its stability. It is, therefore, of no importance, except to the appearance of the articles.

An important point which was touched upon by several of those who had been testing Prof. Barff's process, was that the articles so coated, though they resisted abrasion very well, were deprived easily of their coating by a few knocks with a hammer, a fact which Prof. Barff himself admitted in the discussion following the reading of the paper. Another important point admitted as well, is that, although steel can be treated equally well with iron, it loses its temper. Trials to retemper it have not yet been made.

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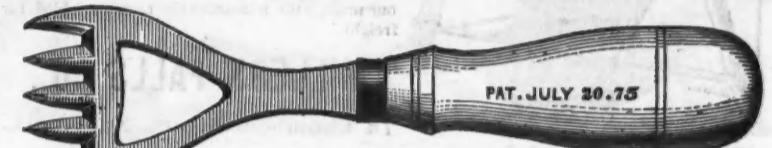
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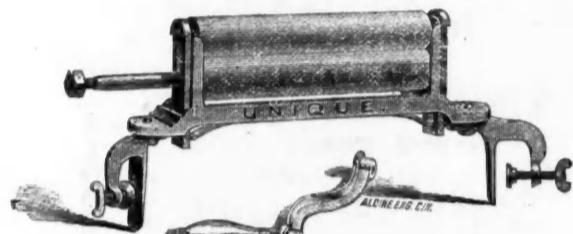
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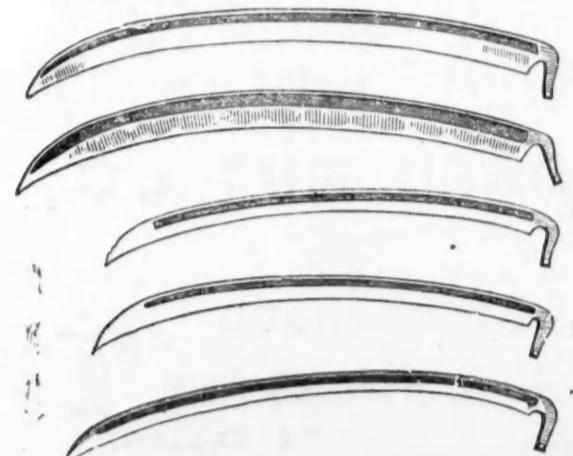


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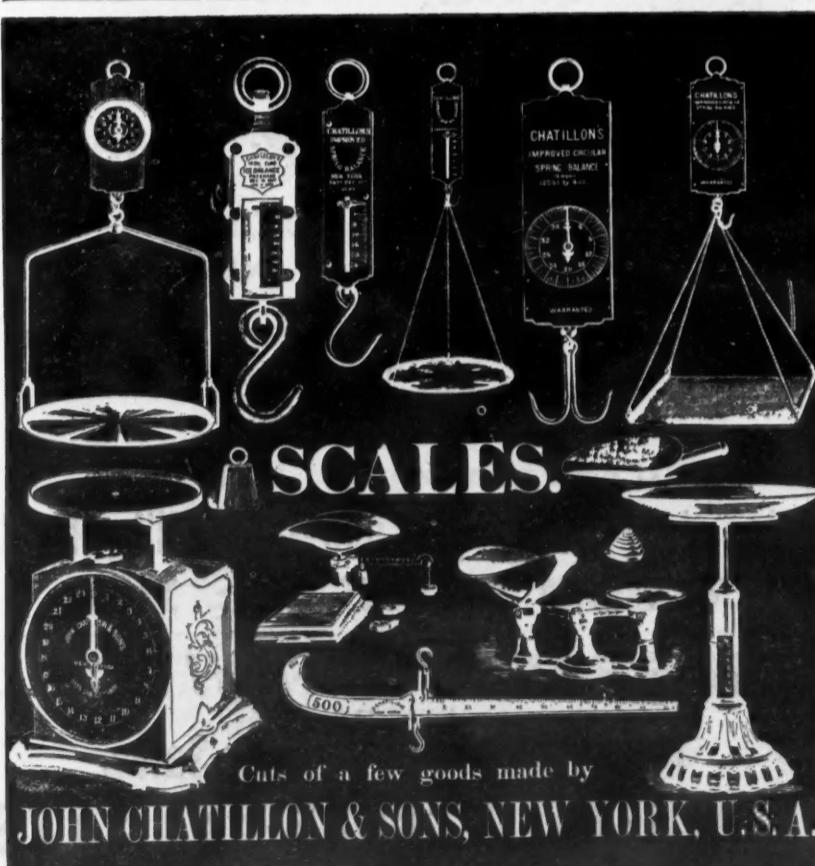
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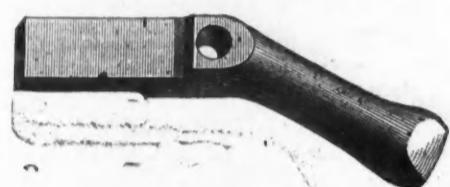
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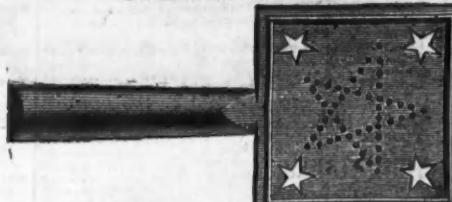
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No. 4, NEW STAY-END.



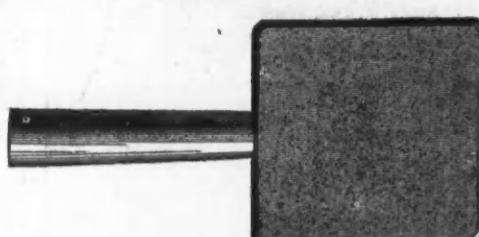
Made from best Norway Iron, under letters patent of Sept. 1, 1874. Desirable for plain work. Four sizes. Two dozen in a box.

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Forged from best Norway Iron. Three sizes: No. 1, $3\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$; No. 2, $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$; No. 3, $4 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ in. Made under patent of April 22, 1876. Also made without open stars in corners.

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No. 1, STAY-END.



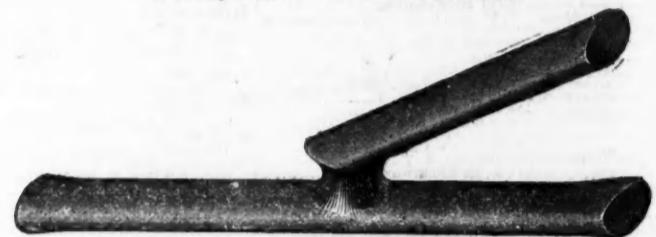
Made from one piece of best Norway Iron, under letters patent of Oct. 22, 1873, and Dec. 21, 1875. Two sizes: $\frac{3}{8}$ and 7-16, and $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Two dozen in a box.

No. 2, OFFSET.



Forged from one piece of Norway Iron. Made under patents of Oct. 22, 1873, and Dec. 21, 1875. Four sizes: $\frac{3}{8}$, 7-16, $\frac{1}{2}$ and 9-16 in. Two dozen in a box.

No. 7, NEW OVAL OFFSET.



Made from best Norway Iron, under letters patent of Sept. 1, 1874. Five sizes: $9\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$, $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$, $3\frac{1}{2} \times 7-16$, $\frac{5}{8} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$ and $1 \times \frac{1}{2}$ in. Two dozen in a box.

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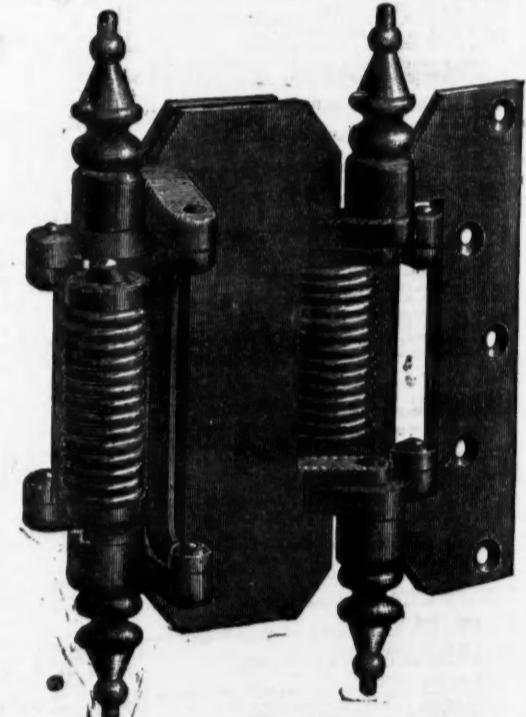
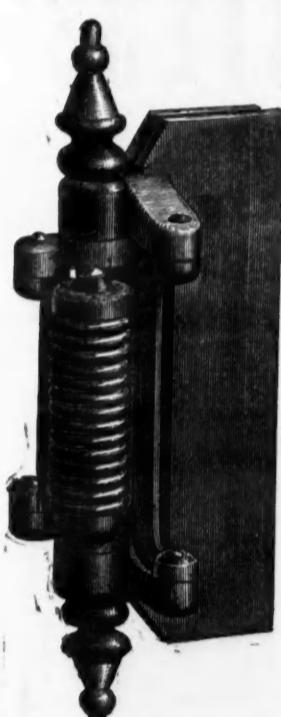
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Ex. Heaters.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Everett.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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National.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Elevator Buckets.		Mill E. Buckets, light, 36 to 10 in. (Duc's Improved)	
Mill E. Buckets.	heavy, 36 to 10 in.	W. dos \$15.00. dia 20	25
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Storehouse. (Duc's Patent) 12 to 17.		W. dos \$25.00. dia 20	25
Emery and Emery Paper.		Genuine Chester—Regular Nos.	
"	Flour and FF.	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
"	in 10-lb. cans.	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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"	Flour.	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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"	Flour.	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
B. & A. Emery Paper.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Enamelled and Tinned Ware.			
Kettles.		dis 45	
Sauce Pans.		dis 35	
Tinned Sauce Pans.		dis 35	
Escutcheons.		Escutcheons.	
Brass Lock.		Same discounts as Door Locks	
Brass Thread.		dis 60	
Wood.		dis 25	
Fancets.			
Fenn's.		dis 45	
Penn's Cork Stoppers.		dis 45	
Star.		dis 45	
Frary's Patent Petroleum.		dis 20	
Wood and Metallic.		dis 20	
West's Patent Key.		dis 40	
Heelers, Leather Lined.		dis 45	
Cork Lined.		dis 45	
Enterprise (Self Measuring).		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Fellows Plates.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Files.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
American File Co.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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Arcade.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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Walter Spencer & Co.'s "Diamond".		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Fisher's.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Moss & Gamble.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
H. D. Diston & Sons (new list).		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Limer Co. (French).		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Flaiting Machines.		Peerless, 4-inch Rolls.	
Knox, 4-inch Rolls.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
"	5 "	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
"	6 "	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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Eagle, 3½-inch Roll.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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Eureka, No. 1, 7-inch Roll.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
"	No. 2 4-inch Roll.	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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National.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Pointed and Polished, Pat'd.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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Bridgewater Iron Co.	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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Cortland P't'd & Blued.	260 280 290 300 310 320	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Globe (New list).	330 350 360 370 380 390	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
H. P. Pointed and	400 420 440 460 480 490	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Finished.	450 470 490 510 530 550	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
North Western Flait'h'd.	560 580 600 620 640 660	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
National.	670 690 710 730 750 770	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Pointed and Polished, Pat'd.	780 800 820 840 860 880	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Corlant P't'd & Blued.	890 910 930 950 970 990	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Horse Nails.	Nos. 5 6 7 8 9 10	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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Finished.	270 290 310 330 350 370	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
Polished.	380 400 420 440 460 480	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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R. L. Horse Shoe Co. Perkins' Improved Light.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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Ames' Butcher Knives.		dis 20	
" Shoe		dis 20	
" Bread		dis 20	
Moran's Shoe and Bread Knives.		dis 20	
Hay and Straw—Wadsworth's.		dis 20	
Table and Pocket.		dis 30	
See Cutlery.			
Knobs.			
Carriage (Jap'd S. C. F. gross).		dis 60	
Base—Common.		dis 20	
Elastic End. No. 8.		dis 70	
Hemmed Door Knobs.		dis 35	
Door, Mineral.		dis 35	
For, Jap'd.		dis 35	
" Plated.		dis 35	
" Por.		dis 35	
Furniture, Plain.		75¢ gross inch, dia 10	
" Wood Screws.		dis 20	
Picture (T. & S. Mfg. Co.).		dis 50	
Hematite Picture.		dis 50	
Shutout, Porcelain.		dis 50	
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H. M. Metting—Hart's.		dis 250	
" Sargent's.		dis 250	
" Reading.		dis 250	
" Monroe's Patent.		W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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Yankee.	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25	
De Beque.	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25	
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Coat Chalk.	Nos. 0, 1, 2, 3, \$6.00; \$6.50; \$7.00.	W. dos \$0.00. dia 20	25
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" Barnes & Deitz.	dis 20		
Trunk.	dis 25		
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Flat Key.	dis 20		
Barnes & Deitz, Flat Key.	dis 20		
Yale Lock Co., Flat Key.	dis 20		
Shepardson's, Flat Key.	dis 20		
American Lock Mfg. Co.	dis 20		
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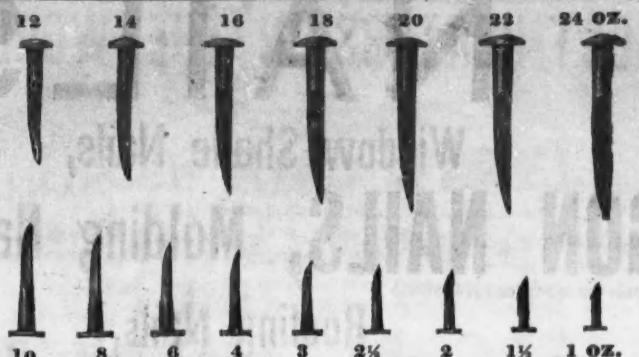
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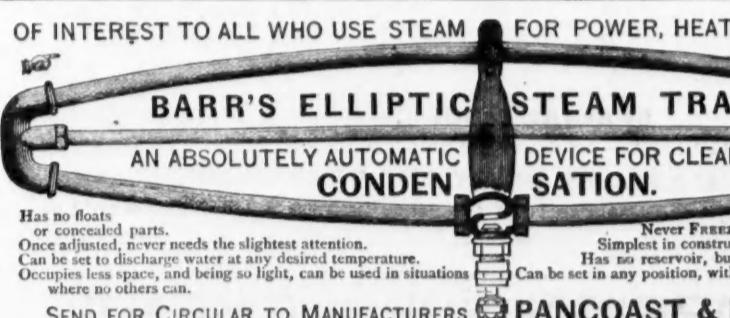
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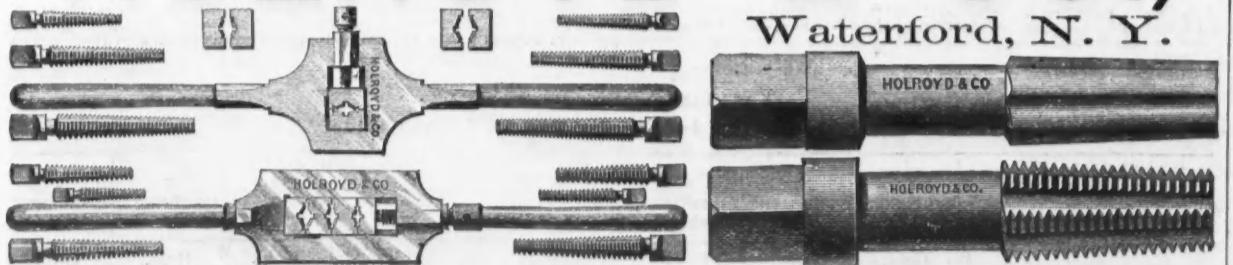
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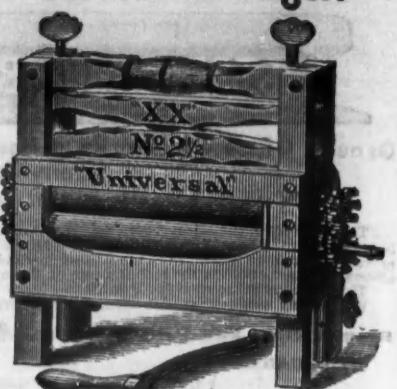
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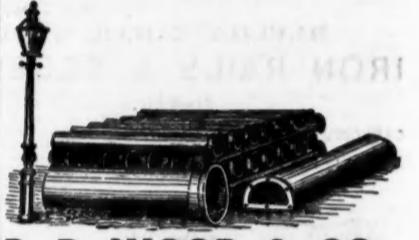
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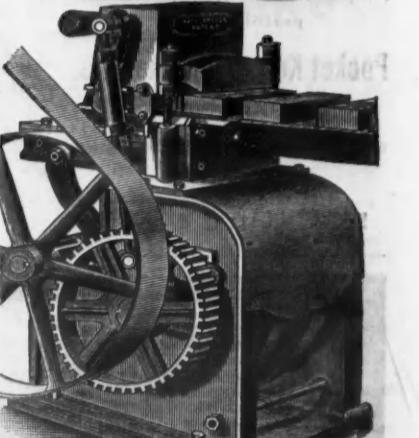
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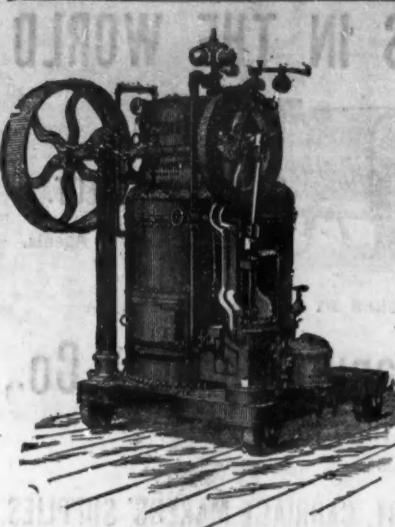
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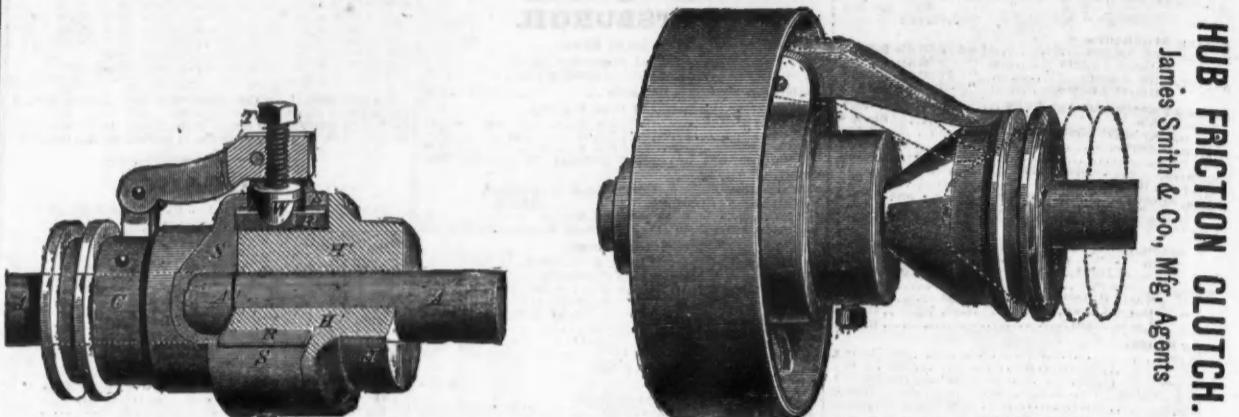
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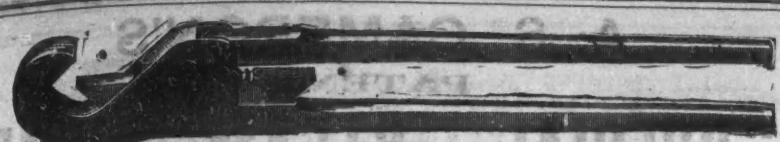
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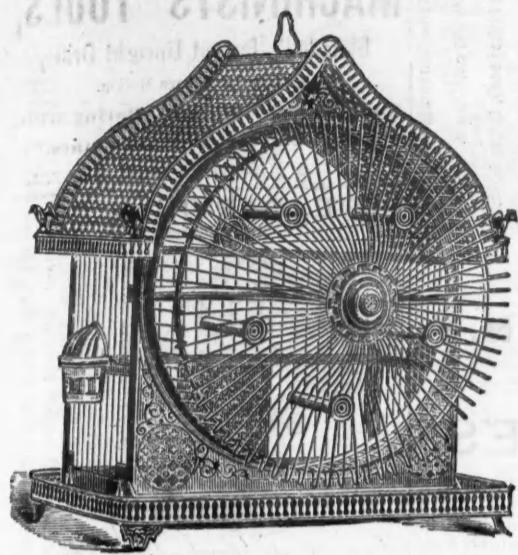
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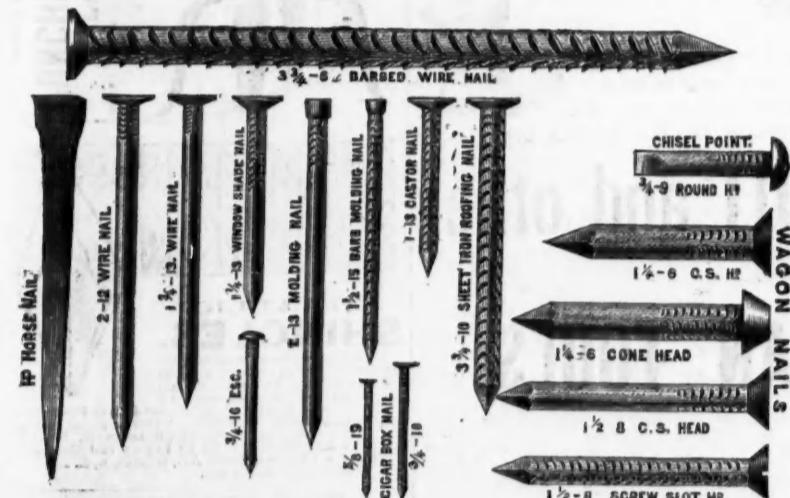
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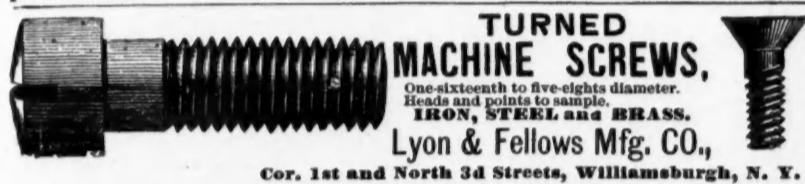
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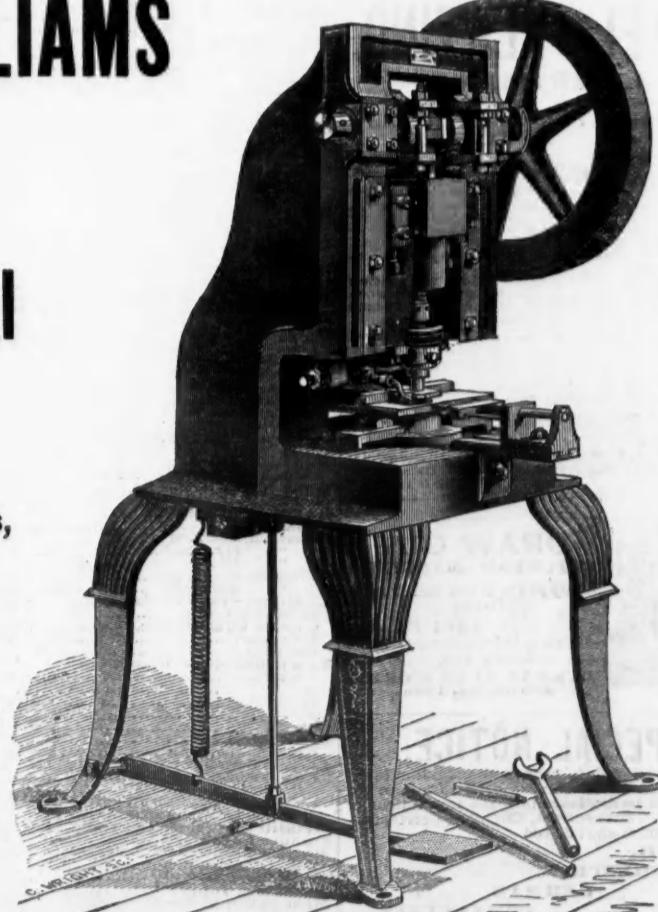
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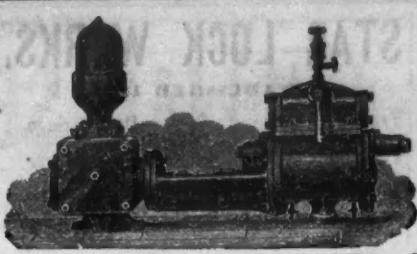


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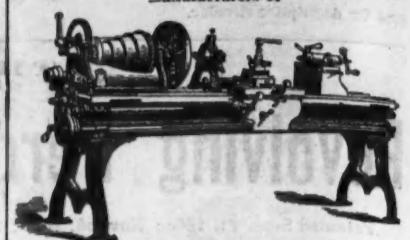
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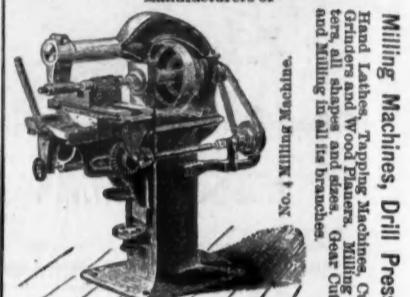
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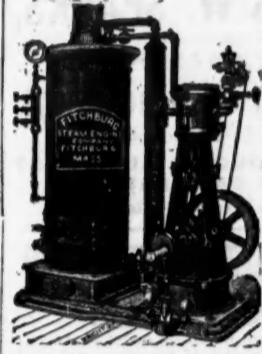
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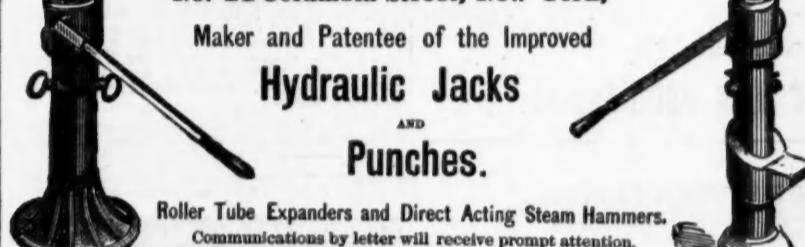
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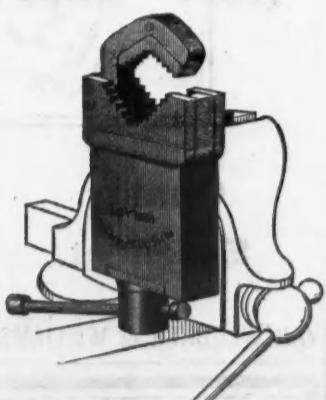
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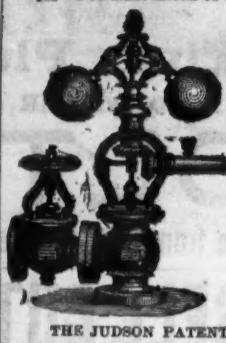
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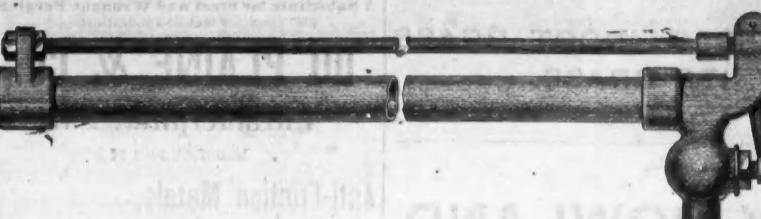
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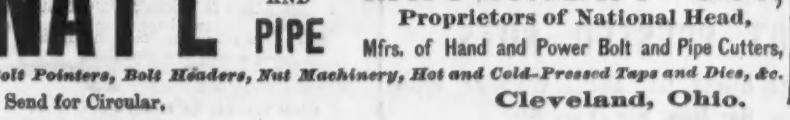
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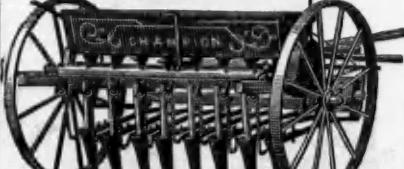
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